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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

Chair: Charles Hubbard, Lib.

Meeting No. 1

Monday, February 19, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs





MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Monday, February 19, 2001

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block for the purpose of electing a Chair pursuant to Standing Orders 106(1) and (2).

Members of the Committee present: Murray Calder, Claude Duplain, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Rick Laliberte, Larry McCormick, Jerry Pickard, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle, and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Brian Fitzpatrick for David L. Anderson, Mario Laframboise for Marcel Gagnon, Peter Stoffer for Dick Proctor, and Pierre Brien for Suzanne Tremblay.

In attendance: From the Committees and Parliamentary Associations Directorate: Bernard Fournier, Procedural Clerk.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(1) and (2), election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Chair of the Committee.

Peter Stoffer, seconded by Brian Fitzpatrick, moved – That Howard Hilstrom do take the Chair of this Committee.

The question was put on the motion, and it was, by a show of hands, negatived: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 9.

On motion of Rick Laliberté, it was agreed – That Charles Hubbard do take the Chair of this Committee.

Accordingly, Charles Hubbard was declared duly elected Chair of the Committee and took the Chair.

On motion of Larry McCormick, it was agreed, - That Murray Calder be elected as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Garry Breitkreuz, it was agreed, - That Howard Hilstrom be elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Claude Duplain it was agreed, - That the Committee do now adjourn.

At 3:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, February 27, 2001

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

First organizational meeting of the committee

Presentation from a delegation of Manitoba

WITNESSES:

Legislative Assembly of Manitoba:

Jon Gerrard, Member;

Larry Maguire, Member.

Rural Disaster Recovery Coalition:

Ray Redfern, Chair; Owner, Redfern Farm Services.

Rural Municipality of Albert, Manitoba:

Manson Moir, Reeve.





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Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, February 27, 2001

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Marcel Gagnon, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Jerry Pickard, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle, Suzanne Tremblay, Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Wayne Easter for Claude Duplain, Paul Macklin for Bob Speller, Charlie Penson for David L. Anderson, David Price for Rick Laliberté.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, economist.

It was agreed, - That the Committee hear a presentation from a delegation of Manitoba composed of John Gerrard, MLA, Leader of the Provincial Liberal Party; Manson Moir, Farmer, Reeve of the Rural Municipalities of Albert and former President of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities; Ray Redfern, owner of Redfern Farm Services and Chair of Rural Disaster Recovery Coalition; Larry Maguire, Farmer and Provincial MLA; Jack Denbow, Mayor of Souris and businessman; Walter Finlay, Farmer and Member of the Board of Director of Keystone Agriculture Producers; Scott Rose, Farmer, Provincial Safety Net Committee with KAP, local businessman.

The witnesses made a presentation and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of routine motions.

Suzanne Tremblay moved,- That the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs, the Parliamentary Secretary and one member from the Bloc québécois, the New Democratic Party and the Progressive Conservative Party do compose the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

It was agreed, - That the Committee retain the services of one or more Research Officers from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chairman.

It was agreed, - That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence when a quorum is not present provided that at least five members are present including one member from the Opposition.

It was agreed,- That, as established by the Board of Internal Economy, and if requested, reasonable travelling, accommodation and living expenses, be reimbursed to witnesses who are invited to appear

before the Committee, up to a maximum of two (2) representatives for any organization.

Howard Hilstrom moved, - That the witnesses be given up to 15 minutes for their opening statement and that during questioning of the witnesses, there be allocated 10 minutes for the Canadian Alliance, 10 minutes for the Liberals, 10 minutes for the Canadian Alliance, 10 minutes for the Bloc québécois, 10 minutes for the Liberals, 5 minutes for the New Democratic Party, 5 minutes for the Progressive Conservative Party.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS

Garry Breitkreuz

Howard Hilstrom

Charlie Penson: --3

NAYS

Rick Borotsik

Murray Calder

Marcel Gagnon

Paul Macklin

Larry McCormick

Jerry Pickard

David Price

Dick Proctor

Paul Steckle

Suzanne Tremblay

Rose-Marie Ur: --11

Dick Proctor moved, - That the witnesses be given up to 15 minutes for their opening statement and that during questioning of the witnesses, there be allocated 7 minutes for the Official Opposition, 7 minutes for the Government Members, 7 minutes for the Bloc québécois, 5 minutes for the New Democratic Party, 5 minutes for the Progressive Conservative Party, and 5 minutes for the second round.

Howard Hilstrom moved, - That the main motion be amended by adding a second question period of 10 minutes for the Canadian Alliance in the first round.

The question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

The question being put on the main motion, it was agreed to.

Larry McCormick moved, - That, unless there is unanimous consent of the Members of the Committee, forty-eight (48) hours notice must be given to the members of the Committee before any new item of business is considered by the Committee and, that the motion be filed with the Clerk of the Committee and circulated to all members in both official languages. Upon receipt of the notice, the Clerk will put the motion on the agenda of the Committee's next meeting.

Suzanne Tremblay moved, - That the forty-eight (48) hours notice be replaced by a twenty-four (24) hours notice.

The question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

The question being put on the main motion, it was agreed to.

Rick Borotsik moved, - That documents be distributed to the Members of the Committee only once they are available in both official languages.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

It was agreed, - That a transcript of *in camera* meetings be kept in the office of the Clerk of the Committee for the purposes of consultation by Members of the committee.

It was agreed, - That the Committee authorize the Chair, from time to time, as the need arises, to take, in conjunction with the Clerk of the Committee the appropriate measures to provide lunches for the Committee (and its Sub-committees), for working purposes, and that the cost of these lunches be charged to the budget of the Committee.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of its future business.

It was agreed, - That a Committee meeting be scheduled for Thursday with departmental officials for a briefing on "farm crisis".

At 11:10 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps
Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 3

Thursday, March 1st, 2001

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, March 1st, 2001

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 9:16 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Claude Duplain, Marcel Gagnon, Charles Hubbard, Rick Laliberte, Larry McCormick, Paul Steckle and Suzanne Tremblay.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, senior analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to consider its future business.

It was agreed – That the Chair write to the Minister of Agriculture regarding the outbreak of the foot-and-mouth disease affecting livestock production in the United Kingdom.

It was agreed – That the Committee held the following meetings in the priority as listed :

The Auditor General of Canada accompanied by Officials from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, (including the topic of biotechnology);

The Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food;

Officials responsible for the Free Trade Zone negotiations of the Americas; and

Departmental Officials from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada regarding farm income and safety net.

It was agreed – That the committee accept the request of the Canadian Wheat Board to appear before it on April 3, 2001.

At 10:25 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Charles Hubbard, Lib.

Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, March 13, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the Negotiations of the Free Trade Area of the Americas

WITNESSES:

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:

Terry Norman, Director, Western Hemisphere Trade Policy Division, International Trade
Policy Directorate, Market and Industry Services Branch.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Billy Hewett, Director, Policy, International Affairs.

University of Saskatchewan:

Donna Bruce, Canadian Agriculture Lifetime Leadership Program Coordinator, Extension
Division;

Andrew Stairs, Canadian Agriculture Lifetime Leadership Program.



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Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, March 13, 2001

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Member present: Pierre Paquette for Suzanne Tremblay.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, research officer.

Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada: Terry Norman, Director, Western Hemisphere Trade Policy Division, International Trade policy Directorate, Market and Industry Services Branch; Glyn Chancey, Deputy Director, Western Hemisphere Trade Agreements, International Trade Policy Directorate, Market and Industry Services Branch. *From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Billy Hewett, Director, Policy, International Affairs; Ray Rush, Director, Bilateral Relations, International Affairs.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), Consideration of the Negotiations of the Free Trade Area of the Americas.

Terry Norman made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

By unanimous consent, the Chair welcomed the participants of the Call Program.

At 10:55 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Committee Clerk

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Chair: Charles Hubbard, Lib.

Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, March 20, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Chapter 25 (Canadian Food Inspection Agency) of the Auditor General's December Report as well as the topic of Biotechnology

WITNESSES:

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Bart Bilmer, Director, Office of Biotechnology;

Peter Brackenridge, Vice-President, Programs;

Ron Doering, President;

André Gravel, Executive Vice-President.

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

L. Denis Desautels, Auditor General of Canada;

Neil Maxwell, Principal, Audit Operations Branch.



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Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, March 20, 2001

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Claude Duplain, Marcel Gagnon, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle, Suzanne Tremblay, Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Member present: Rick Casson for Howard Hilstrom.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge and Jean-Denis Fréchette, research officers.

Witnesses: From the Office of the Auditor General of Canada: L. Denis Desautels, Auditor General of Canada; Sheila Fraser, Deputy Auditor General, Audit Operations; Douglas Timmins, Assistant Auditor General; Neil Maxwell, Principal, Audit Operations Branch. *From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Ron Doering, President; André Gravel, Executive Vice-President; Peter Brackenridge, Vice-President, Programs; Bart Bilmer, Director, Office of Biotechnology.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), Consideration of Chapter 25 (Canadian Food Inspection Agency) of the Auditor General's December Report as well as the topic of Biotechnology.

Denis Desautels made an opening statement and, with Neil Maxwell, answered questions.

At 10:30 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:30 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Ron Doering made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, answered questions.

At 11:57 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Committee Clerk

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Chair: Charles Hubbard, Lib.

Meeting No. 6

Wednesday, March 21, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Financial Priorities for the Farming Community

APPEARING:

Hon. Lyle Vanclief, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

WITNESSES:

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:

Douglas D. Hedley, Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial Programs Branch;

Tom Richardson, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

Wednesday, March 21, 2001

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met in a televised session at 4:34 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Mark Eyking, Marcel Gagnon, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Rick Laliberte, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle, Suzanne Tremblay.

Acting Member(s) present: Larry Spencer for Garry Breitkreuz, Wayne Easter for Claude Duplain.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Research Officers.

Appearing: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada: The Hon. Lyle Vanclicf, Minister, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada: Samy Watson, Deputy Minister; Douglas D. Hedley, Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial Programs Branch; Tom Richardson, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), Consideration of Financial Priorities for the Farming Community.

The Minister made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 6:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 7

Thursday, March 22, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Financial Priorities for the Farming Community

WITNESSES:

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:

Douglas D. Hedley, Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial Programs Branch;

Tom Richardson, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch.

Farm Credit Corporation:

Jacques Lagacé, National Director, Government and Industry Relations.



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Meeting No. 7

Thursday, March 22, 2001

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Murray Calder, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Mark Eyking, Marcel Gagnon, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Suzanne Tremblay.

Associate Member present: Kevin Sorenson.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Research Officers.

Witness(es): From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada: Douglas D. Hedley, Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial Programs Branch; Tom Richardson, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch. *From the Farm Credit Corporation:* Jacques Lagacé, National Director, Government and Industry Relations.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), Consideration of Financial Priorities for the Farming Community.

The witnesses answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Committee Clerk

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Chair: Charles Hubbard, Lib.

Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, March 27, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the Potato Wart in P.E.I.

WITNESSES:

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:

Douglas D. Hedley, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy Branch;

Mary Komarynsky, Director General, Adaptation and Financial Guarantee Programs, Farm
Financial Programs Branch;

Samy Watson, Deputy Minister.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Robert Carberry, Director, Plant Health and Production Division.

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:

Claudio Vallée, Director, Technical Barriers and Regulations.





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Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, March 27, 2001

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle, Suzanne Tremblay.

Acting Member present: Wayne Easter for Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada: Samy Watson, Deputy Minister; Douglas D. Hedley, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy Branch; Mary Komarynsky, Director General, Adaptation & Financial Guarantee Programs, Farm Financial Programs Branch. *From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Robert Carberry, Director, Plant Health and Production Division. *From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:* Claudio Valle, Director, Technical Barriers and Regulations.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), Consideration of the Potato Wart in PEI.

Mr. Samy Watson made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:06 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Charles Hubbard, Lib.

Meeting No. 9

Thursday, March 29, 2001

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Meeting No. 9

Thursday, March 29, 2001

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 9:00 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Murray Calder, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle, Suzanne Tremblay.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Research Officers.

It was agreed,-- That, as decided at the meeting dated February 27, the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs, the Parliamentary Secretary and one member from the Bloc québécois, the New Democratic Party and the Progressive Conservative Party do compose the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure.

It was agreed,--That notwithstanding the motion adopted at the meeting dated February 27, 2001 regarding the allocation of time for questioning the witnesses, that witnesses be given up to 10 minutes for their opening statement and that during the questioning of witnesses there be allocated seven (7) minutes, in the first round, for the first three parties and that thereafter five (5) minutes be allocated, in the second round, to the other two parties and the government party, alternating between the Opposition and the government party, at the discretion of the Chair.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to consider its future business.

It was agreed, -- That the Committee invite Officials from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and the Department of National Defence to consider the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (emergency plan, preventive measures of the cattle taken regarding British militaries coming into Alberta and vaccination).

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Charles Hubbard, Lib.

Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, April 3, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Various issues regarding the marketing of wheat and barley by the Canadian Wheat Board

WITNESSES:

Canadian Wheat Board:

Micheal Halyk, Director, District 7;

Larry Hill, Director, District 3;

Ian McvCreary, Director, District 6;

Ken Ritter, Chairman, Board of Directors.

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Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, April 3, 2001

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:00 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Rick Laliberte, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Suzanne Tremblay.

Acting Member present: Kevin Sorenson for Garry Breitkreuz.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Wheat Board: Ken Ritter, Chairman of the Board of Directors; Larry Hill, Director, District 3; Ian McCreary, Director, District 6; Micheal Halyk, Director, District 7.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), Various issues regarding the Marketing of Wheat and Barley by the Canadian Wheat Board.

Mr. Ken Ritter made an opening statement and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

Larry McCormick moved, -- That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food be authorized to travel to Quebec City during the Summit of the Americas from April 20-22, 2001 in order to meet with the Members of the Committee on Agriculture of the United States House of Representatives and, -
- That the Chair be authorized to seek the House's permission to travel and the appropriate funds.

The question was put on the motion and it was, by a show of hands, agreed to: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 0.

At 10:57 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Charles Hubbard, Lib.

Meeting No. 11

Thursday, April 5, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of foot-and-mouth disease precautionary measures

WITNESSES:

Canada Customs and Revenue Agency:

Denis Lefebvre, Assistant Commissioner, Customs Branch.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Jean Chartier, Vice-President, Public and Regulatory Affairs;

Susanne Frost, Acting Director, Enforcement and Investigation Services—Operations;

André Gravel, Executive Vice-President;

Douglas MacLeod, District Veterinarian, Kingston District Office, Animal Programs.

National Defence:

Bruce Donaldson, Captain, International Security Policy.



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Meeting No. 11

Thursday, April 5, 2001

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met in a televised session at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Marcel Gagnon, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle, Suzanne Tremblay.

Associate Members present: Carol Skelton and Kevin Sorenson.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge and Jean-Denis Fréchette Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Dr. André Gravel, Executive Vice-President; Jean Chartier, Vice-President, Public and Regulatory Affairs; Susanne Frost, Acting Director, Enforcement and Investigation Services - Operations; Dr. Douglas MacLeod, District Veterinarian, Kingston District Office - Animal Programs. *From the Department of National Defence:* Captain (Navy) Bruce Donaldson, From the Director General, International Security Policy; LCol Benoit Carrier, From the Chief of Staff J3; Director General, Military Plans and Operations. *From the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency:* Denis Lefebvre, Assistant Commissioner, Customs Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), Consideration of Foot-and-Mouth Disease Precautionary Measures.

Dr. André Gravel and Captain (Navy) Bruce Donaldson made opening statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:07 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, April 24, 2001

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, April 24, 2001

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 9:07 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Mark Eyking, Marcel Ignon, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Rick Laliberte, Larry McCormick, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle, Suzanne Tremblay, Rose-Marie Ur.

Attending Member present: Carole-Marie Allard for Claude Duplain.

Attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Research Officers.

It was agreed – That the Committee held the following meetings in the priority as listed:

April 00 - 11:00 a.m.	Testimony of the Farm Credit Corporation (FCC) (Briefing Session)
May 30 - 5:30 p.m.	Appearance by the Hon. Lyle Vancilief, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, regarding the Plans and Priorities
May 00 - 11:00 a.m.	If Bill C-25 referred to the Committee, appearance by Minister Vancilief and the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Farm Credit Corporation regarding Bill C-25, An Act to amend the Farm Credit Corporation Act
and 10 May 00 - 11:00 a.m.	Appearance by public servants regarding the Plans and Priorities
and 15 May 00 - 11:00 a.m.	Witnesses on Bill-25
May 00 - 11:00 a.m.	Clause-by-clause study of Bill C-25
May 00 - 11:00 a.m.	Appearance by the Honourable Andrew Mitchell, Secretary of State (Rural Development), on the Plans and Priorities

At 9:41 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Charles Hubbard, Lib.

Meeting No. 13

Thursday, April 26, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Briefing Session with the Farm Credit Corporation

WITNESSES:

Farm Credit Corporation:

Scott Grant, Portfolio Management Officer;

Louise Neveu, Executive Vice-President and Chief Knowledge Officer;

John Ryan, President and Chief Executive Officer.



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Meeting No. 13

Thursday, April 26, 2001

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:08 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Marcel Gagnon, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle.

Acting Member(s) present: Carol Skelton for David L. Anderson.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Farm Credit Corporation: John Ryan, President and Chief Executive Officer; Louise Neveu, Executive Vice-President & Chief Knowledge Officer; Jacques Lagacé, National Director, Government and Industry Relations; Scott Grant, Portfolio Management Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), Briefing Session with the Farm Credit Corporation.

Mr. John Ryan made opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:46 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:51 a.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

At 11:07 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Charles Hubbard, Lib.

Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, May 1st, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of plans and priorities

APPEARING:

Hon. Lyle Vancief, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

WITNESSES:

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Ron Doering, President;

André Gravel, Executive Vice-President.





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Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, May 1st, 2001

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met in a televised session at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Marcel Gagnon, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Rick Laliberte, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle, Suzanne Tremblay, Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Member(s) present: Kevin Sorenson for Garry Breitkreuz and Michel Bellehumeur for Suzanne Tremblay.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Research Officers.

Appearing: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada: The Hon. Lyle Vanclief, Minister, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada: Samy Watson, Deputy Minister; Diane Vincent, Associate Deputy Minister. *From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Ron Doering, President; Dr. André Gravel, Executive Vice-President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), Consideration of the Plans and Priorities.

The Hon. Lyle Vanclief made an opening statement and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 15

Thursday, May 3, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-25, An Act to amend the Farm Credit Corporation Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

APPEARING:

Larry McCormick, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

WITNESSES:

Farm Credit Corporation:

Louise Neveu, Executive Vice-President and Chief Knowledge Officer;

John Ryan, President and Chief Executive Officer;

Moyez Somani, Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer.





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Meeting No. 15

Thursday, May 3, 2001

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:08 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Marcel Gagnon, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle, Suzanne Tremblay.

Acting Members present: David Price for Claude Duplain, Kevin Sorenson for Howard Hilstrom.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Research Officers.

Appearing: From the House of Commons: Larry McCormick, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

Witnesses: From the Farm Credit Corporation: John Ryan, President and Chief Executive Officer; Louise Neveu, Executive Vice-President & Chief Knowledge Officer; Moyez Somani, Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer.

The Order of Reference dated Tuesday, May 1st, 2001, being now read as follows:

ORDERED, -- That Bill C-25, An Act to amend the Farm Credit Corporation Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food.

Mr. Larry McCormick, Parliamentary Secretary, made an opening statement and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:55 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Charles Hubbard, Lib.

Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, May 8, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the Plans and Priorities

WITNESSES:

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:

Yaprak Baltacioglu, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch;

Bruce Deacon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management Branch;

Douglas Hedley, Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial Programs Branch;

Howard Migie, Director General, Marketing Policy Directorate, Strategic Policy Branch.





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Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, May 8, 2001

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Member(s) of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Marcel Gagnon, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Rick Laliberte, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle, Suzanne Tremblay, Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Member(s) present:

Associate Member(s) present: Jim Abbott, Diane Ablonczy, Peter Adams, Rob Anders, Roy Bailey, Leon Benoit, Andy Burton, Chuck Cadman, Rick Casson, David Chatters, Joe Comartin, Paul Crête, John Cummins, Stockwell Day, Odina Desrochers, John Duncan, Reed Elley, Ken Epp, Brian Fitzpatrick, Paul Forseth, Cheryl Gallant, Peter Goldring, Jim Gouk, Gurmant Grewal, Deborah Grey, Art Hanger, Richard Harris, Grant Hill, Jay Hill, Betty Hinton, Rahim Jaffer, Dale Johnston, Gerald Keddy, Jason Kenney, Mario Laframboise, Robert Lanctôt, Gary Lunn, James Lunney, Paul Macklin, John Maloney, Preston Manning, Richard Marceau, Inky Mark, Keith Martin, Philip Mayfield, Grant McNally, Val Meredith, Rob Merrifield, Bob Mills, James Moore, Lorne Nystrom, Deepak Obhrai, Brian Pallister, Jim Pankiw, Pierre Paquette, Charlie Penson, Gilles-A. Perron, Joe Peschisolido, David Price, James Rajotte, Scott Reid, John Reynolds, Gerry Ritz, Jean-Yves Roy, Werner Schmidt, Carol Skelton, Monte Solberg, Kevin Sorenson, Larry Spencer, Darrel Stinson, Chuck Strahl, Myron Thompson, Vic Toews, Maurice Vellacott, Randy White, Ted White, John Williams, Lynne Yelich.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, researcher.

Witness(es): From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada: Bruce Deacon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management Branch; Douglas Hedley, Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial Programs Branch; Yaprak Baltacioglu, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch; Howard Migie, Director General, Marketing Policy Directorate, Strategic Policy Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), Consideration of the Plans and Priorities

At 10:51 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville

Clerk(s) of the Committee

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Chair: Charles Hubbard, Lib.

Meeting No. 17

Wednesday, May 9, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-25, An Act to amend the Farm Credit Corporation Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

WITNESSES:

"Coopérative fédérée de Québec":

Jean-François Harel, Assistant Secretary General;

Paul Noiseux, Treasurer.





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Meeting No. 17

Wednesday, May 9, 2001

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Claude Duplain, Marcel Gagnon, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the "Coopérative fédérée de Québec": Paul Noiseux, Treasurer; Jean-François Harel, Assistant Secretary General.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Tuesday, May 1st, 2001, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-25, An Act to amend the Farm Credit Corporation Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Thursday, May 3, 2001, Meeting No. 15*).

Mr. Paul Noiseux and Mr. Jean-François Harel made a presentation and answered questions.

At 4:48 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:52 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

It was agreed – That, further to the letters received from the Saskatchewan and Manitoba ministers of Agriculture and Food regarding the agricultural crisis (low commodity prices and the repercussions on family farms and the rural economy, low food prices and ever-higher input costs) inviting the Committee to travel to their respective provinces to hear from farmers, the two ministers and the two official spokespersons be invited to appear, before the summer break, before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food; and that the Committee hold hearings in the fall in the western provinces to hear from stakeholders affected by the agricultural crisis

At 5:11 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Charles Hubbard, Lib.

Meeting No. 18

Thursday, May 10, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the plans and priorities

WITNESSES:

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:

Mark Corey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch;

Gordon Dorrell, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Research Branch;

Gilles Lavoie, Director General, Operations, Agriculture Industry Services Directorate;

Gordon Richardson, Director, Americas, Europe and Middle East, International Markets Bureau;

Suzanne Vinet, Director General, International Trade Policy Directorate, Market and Industry Services Branch;

Bob Wettlaufer, Acting Director General, Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration.





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Meeting No. 18

Thursday, May 10, 2001

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:12 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, Bob Speller, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Marcel Gagnon, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada: Mark Corey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch; Suzanne Vinet, Director General, International Trade Policy Directorate, Market and Industry Services Branch; Dr. Gordon Dorrell, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Research branch; Bob Wettlaufer, Acting Director General, Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration; Gordon Richardson, Director, Americas Europe and Middle East, International Markets Bureau; Gilles Lavoie, Director General, Operations and Agricultural Industry Services Directorate, Market and Industry Services Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), Consideration of the Plans and Priorities.

Mark Corey, Dr. Gordon Dorrell and Bob Wettlaufer made an opening statement and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 9:15 a.m., Charles Hubbard, the Chair, took the Chair.

At 10:43 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:47 a.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

At 10:55 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, May 15, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-25, An Act to amend the Farm Credit Corporation Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

WITNESSES:

Canadian Cattlemen's Association:

Stan Eby, Director.

Canadian Federation of Agriculture:

Donald R. Dewar, Director and Member, Executive and President, Keystone Agricultural Producers Inc.

Credit Union Central of Canada:

Leo Gautreau, Vice-President, Corporate Development, Niagara Credit Union;

Susan Murray, Vice-President, Government Affairs.

National Farmers' Union:

Peter Dowling, Ontario Coordinator.





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Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, May 15, 2001

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Murray Calder, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle, Suzanne Tremblay, Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Member present: Roy Bailey for Garry Breitkreuz.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the National Farmers' Union: Peter Dowling, Ontario Coordinator. *From the Canadian Cattlemen's Association:* Stan Eby, Director. *From the Credit Union Central of Canada:* Susan Murray, Vice-President, Government Affairs; Leo Gautreau, Vice President Corporate Development, Niagara Credit Union; Rob Martin, Government Affairs Advisor. *From the Canadian Federation of Agriculture:* Donald R. Dewar, Director and Member of the CFA Executive and President of the Keystone Agricultural Producers in Manitoba.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Tuesday, May 1st, 2001, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-25, An Act to amend the Farm Credit Corporation Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Thursday, May 3, 2001, Meeting No. 15*).

Stan Eby, Donald Dewar, Susan Murray, Leo Gautreau and Peter Dowling made presentations and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

It was agreed, -- That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food hearings into the role of the federal government include a specific session that addresses the organic production and the current structure of the Canadian Wheat Board's organic policy by hearing from western representatives of the organic industry along with representatives of the Canadian Wheat Board and, given that this policy will have an impact on the marketing decisions for this year's crop, that the Committee's hearing be held on May 29, 2001.

It was agreed, -- That the budget relating to the Future Role of the Federal Government in Canada's Agriculture Sector totalling \$30,000.00 for witnesses be agreed to, and -- That, the Chair be authorized to submit it to the Liaison Committee.

It was agreed, -- That the meeting scheduled on June 5, 2001 with the Prairie provinces' Ministers of Agriculture and the meeting scheduled on June 6, 2001 with the Secretary of State (Rural Development) be televised.

At 11:10 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 20

Wednesday, May 16, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-25, An Act to amend the Farm Credit Corporation Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

APPEARING:

Larry McCormick, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

WITNESSES:

Farm Credit Corporation:

Dale Canham, Vice-President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary;

Louise Neveu, Executive Vice-President and Chief Knowledge Officer;

John Ryan, President and Chief Executive Officer.





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Meeting No. 20

Wednesday, May 16, 2001

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:44 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Murray Calder, Claude Duplain, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Rick Laliberte, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle, Suzanne Tremblay.

Acting Members present: Brian Fitzpatrick for Garry Breitkreuz, Alex Shepperd for Mark Eyking, Larry Bagnell for Rose-Marie Ur, Tony Tirabassi for Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Research Officers.

Appearing: From the House of Commons: Larry McCormick, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

Witnesses: From the Farm Credit Corporation: John Ryan, President and Chief Executive Officer; Dale Canham, Vice-President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary; Louise Neveu, Executive Vice-President & Chief Knowledge Officer.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Tuesday, May 1st, 2001, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-25, An Act to amend the Farm Credit Corporation Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Thursday, May 3, 2001, Meeting No. 15*).

The Committee proceeded to Clause-by-Clause consideration of the Bill.

Clause 1 carried on division.

Clause 2 carried on division.

On Clause 3,

Suzanne Tremblay moved, -- That Bill C-25, in Clause 3, be amended by adding after line 23 on page 1 the following:

""family farm" means a farming operation on which the operator and the operator's family live and in respect of which they make decisions, control the management and provide most of the work and the capital."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded

division:

YEA:

NAYS:

Suzanne Tremblay -- 1

David L. Anderson

Larry Bagnell

Murray Calder

Claude Duplain

Brian Fitzpatrick

Howard Hilstrom

Rick Laliberte

Larry McCormick

Dick Proctor

Alex Shepperd

Bob Speller

Paul Steckle -- 12

Clause 3 carried on division.

Clause 4 carried.

On Clause 5,

Howard Hilstrom moved, -- That Bill C-25, in Clause 5, be amended by replacing line 18 on page 2 with the following:

"farming operations, including family farms, and the services and products provided to farming operations shall not be less than 80 per cent of the Corporation's total portfolio."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

NAYS:

David L. Anderson

Larry Bagnell

Brian Fitzpatrick

Murray Calder

Howard Hilstrom

Claude Duplain

Dick Proctor

Rick Laliberte

Suzanne Tremblay -- 5 Larry McCormick

Alex Shepperd

Bob Speller

Paul Steckle -- 8

Howard Hilstrom moved, -- That Bill C-25, in Clause 5, be amended by replacing line 18 on page 2 with the following:

"farming operations, including family farms and the value of services provided to businesses related to farming shall not exceed one million dollars per business."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on division.

Howard Hilstrom moved, -- That Bill C-25, in Clause 5, be amended by replacing lines 38 and 39 on page 2 with the following:

"or to be used in a farming operation;"

The question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on division.

Howard Hilstrom moved, -- That Bill C-25, in Clause 5, be amended by replacing lines 42 and 43 on page 2 with the following:

"operations or in businesses whose majority ownership is held by farmers, within parameters that are satisfactory"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on division.

Howard Hilstrom moved, -- That Bill C-25, in Clause 5, be amended

(a) by replacing line 43 on page 2 with the following:

"ing, not including farm lands, within parameters that are satisfactory"

(b) by adding after line 44 on page 2 the following:

"(f.4.1) despite paragraph (f.4), acquire farm lands as a result of default on a loan, provided that it is disposed of at fair market value as quickly as possible, and in any case no later than five years, after the acquisition;"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

NAYS:

David L. Anderson

Murray Calder

Brian Fitzpatrick—2 Claude Duplain
Rick Laliberte
Larry McCormick
Dick Proctor
Tony Tirabassi
Suzanne Tremblay
Alex Shepperd
Bob Speller
Paul Steckle -- 10

Clause 5 carried.

On new Clause (5.1)

Dick Proctor moved, -- That Bill C-25 be amended by adding after line 7 on page 3 the following new clause:

"regulations

5.1 The Act is amended by adding the following after section 4:

4.1 The Governor in Council after consulting with members of the farming and money-lending communities may make regulations

(a) for carrying out the purposes and provisions of this Act; and

(b) defining the words "primarily" and "primary" in sections 2 and 4, respectively."

The question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

New Clause (5.1) negatived on division.

Clause 6 carried on division.

Clause 7 carried on division.

On new Clause (7.1)

Suzanne Tremblay moved, -- That Bill C-25 be amended by adding after line 13 on page 4 the following new clause:

"7.1 The Act is amended by adding the following after section 16:

APPLICATION OF THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGES ACT

16.1 For greater certainty, the *Official Languages Act* applies to the Corporation and the Corporation has the duty, under section 25 of that Act, to ensure that, where services are provided or made available by another person or organization on its behalf, any member of the public can communicate with and obtain those services from that person or organization in either official language, in any case where those

services, if provided by the Corporation, would be required under Part IV of the *Official Languages Act* to be provided in either official language."

After debate, the Chair ruled that the amendment was not admissible for the following reason:

Ruling by the Chair

The proposed amendment would add a new clause to the bill in order to ensure that the *Official Languages Act* applies to the Farm Credit Corporation.

An amendment must always relate to the subject matter of the bill or the clause under consideration. Page 654 of the *House of Commons Procedure & Practice* states that "an amendment is inadmissible if it amends a statute that is not before the Committee or a section of the parent act unless it is being specifically amended by a clause of the Bill."

I must therefore regretfully rule your amendment not admissible.

Clause 8 to clause 22 carried severally, on division.

The Title carried.

The Bill, carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Murray Calder

Claude Duplain

Rick Laliberte

Larry McCormick

Dick Proctor

Alex Shepperd

Paul Steckle

Tony Tirabassi —8

NAYS:

David L. Anderson

Brian Fitzpatrick

Howard Hilstrom

Suzanne Tremblay-- 4

ORDERED, -- That the Chair report Bill C-25 without amendment to the House as the First Report of the Committee.

At 5:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Normand Radford
Committee Clerk

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Chair: Charles Hubbard, Lib.

Meeting No. 21

Tuesday, May 29, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the future role of the Federal Government in Canada's Agricultural sector

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

George L. Brinkman;

Hartley Furtan.





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Meeting No. 21

Tuesday, May 29, 2001

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Marcel Gagnon, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Research Officers.

Witnesses: As Individual: George L. Brinkman, Agricultural Economics and Business, University of Guelph; Hartley Furtan, Agricultural Economics and Trade, University of Saskatchewan.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), study of the future role of the Federal Government in Canada's Agricultural sector.

George L. Brinkman and Hartley Furtan made opening statements and answered questions.

It was agreed, -- That the meeting on June 5, 2001 with the Ministers of Agriculture from the Prairie provinces' be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 (noon).

At 11:11 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Charles Hubbard, Lib.

Meeting No. 22

Thursday, May 31, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the future role of the Federal Government in Canada's Agricultural sector (grain and oilseed)

WITNESSES:

Grain Growers of Canada:

Brian Kriz, President;

Kevin Muxlow, Executive Director.

Ontario Corn Producers' Association:

Terry Daynard, Policy Adviser;

Dennis Jack, President.

Ontario Soybean Growers:

Bill Allison, First Vice-Chair;

Liam McCreery, Chairman.





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Meeting No. 22

Thursday, May 31, 2001

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Marcel Gagnon, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

Other Member present: John Finley

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Ontario Soybean Growers: Liam McCreery, Chairman; Bill Allison, First Vice-Chair. *From the Grain Growers of Canada:* Brian Kriz, President; Kevin Muxlow, Executive Director. *From the Ontario Corn Producers' Association:* Dennis Jack, President; Terry Daynard, Policy Advisor.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), study of the future role of the Federal Government in Canada's Agricultural sector (grain and oilseed).

Liam McCreery, Bill Allison, Brian Kriz, Dennis Jack and Terry Daynard made opening statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Charles Hubbard, Lib.

Meeting No. 23

Tuesday, June 5, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the future role of the Federal Government in Canada's Agricultural sector

WITNESSES:

Agriculture Producers Association of Saskatchewan:

Terry Hildebrant, President.

Association of Manitoba Municipalities:

Wayne Motheral, President.

Keystone Agricultural Producers of Manitoba:

Don Dewar, President.

Legislative Assembly of Alberta:

Shirley McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development;

Ken Nicol, Official Critic for Agriculture.

Legislative Assembly of Manitoba:

Jack Penner, Official Critic for Agriculture;

Rosann Wowchuck, Minister of Agriculture and Food.



Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan:

Bill Boyd, Official Critic for Agriculture;
Clay Serby, Minister of Agriculture and Food.

Manitoba Women's Institute:

Renske Kaastra.

National Farmer's Union:

Fred Tait;
Stuart Wells.

Saskatchewan Rally Group:

Ray Bashutsky, Representative.

Saskatchewan Wheat Pool:

Thad Trefiak, Vice-President.

As Individuals:

Andrew Dennis;
Murray Downing;
Lloyd Pletz.



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Meeting No. 23

Tuesday, June 5, 2001

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met in a televised session at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Mark Eyking, Marcel Gagnon, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Member(s) present: Carol Skelton for Howard Hilstrom.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba: The Hon. Rosann Wowchuk, Minister of Agriculture and Food of Manitoba; Jack Penner, Official Critic for Agriculture. *From the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan:* The Hon. Clay Serby, Minister of Agriculture and Food of Saskatchewan; Bill Boyd, Official Critic for agriculture. *From the Legislative Assembly of Alberta:* The Hon. Shirley McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development of Alberta; Ken Nicol, Official Critic for Agriculture. *From the National Farmers' Union:* Stewart Wells. *From the Saskatchewan Rally Group:* Ray Bashutsky. *From the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan Inc.:* Terry Hildebrandt, President. *From the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool:* Thad Trefiak, Vice President. *From the As Individual:* Renske Kaastra, Saskatchewan Farmer; Fred Tait, Saskatchewan Farmer. *From the Keystone Agricultural Producers:* Donald R. Dewar, President. *From the As Individual:* Murray Downing, Manitoba Farmer; Lloyd Pletz, Saskatchewan Farmer. *From the Association of Manitoba Municipalities:* Wayne Motheral, President. *From the As Individual:* Andrew Dennis, Manitoba Farmer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), study of the future role of the Federal Government in Canada's Agricultural sector.

The witnesses made presentation and answered questions.

At 11:16 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:40 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The witnesses answered questions.

It was agreed, -- That the farmers in the room be allowed to make a short 2 minutes presentation to the Committee to express their views on the farm income current situation.

At 12:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville

Clerk(s) of the Committee

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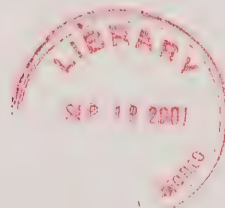
Wednesday June 6, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the Plans and Priorities

APPEARING:

Hon. Andy Mitchell, Secretary of State, (Rural Development) (Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario)





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Wednesday, June 6, 2001

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met in a televised session at 4:10 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rick Borotsik, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Suzanne Tremblay.

Acting Members present: Brian Pallister for David L. Anderson, Carol Skelton for Garry Breitkreuz, Jocelyne Girard-Bujold for Marcel Gagnon.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Research Officers.

Appearing: From the House of Commons: The Hon. Andy Mitchell, Secretary of State (Rural Development).

Witness: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada: Diane Vincent, Associate Deputy Minister.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), Consideration of the Plans and Priorities.

The Hon. Andy Mitchell made a presentation and answered questions.

At 5:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 25

Thursday, June 7, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the future role of the Federal Government in Canada's Agricultural sector

WITNESSES:

Canadian Organic Advisory Board:

Allan Graff, President.

Canadian Wheat Board:

Larry Hill, Director;

Ken Ritter, Chair;

Jim Thompson, Senior Marketing Manager.

Marysburg Organic Producers Inc.:

Eric Leicht, Administrator.

Organic Special Products Group:

John Husband.

Schmidt Flour Inc.:

Arnold Schmidt, President.



As Individual:

Neil Strayer.



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Meeting No. 25

Thursday, June 7, 2001

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:13 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Marcel Gagnon, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Member present: Kevin Sorenson for David L. Anderson.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Marysburg Organic Producers Inc.: Eric Leicht, Administrator. *From the Schmidt Flowers Inc.:* Arnold Schmidt, President. *From the Organic Special Products Group:* John Husband. *From the Canadian Organic Advisory Board:* Allan Graff, President. *From the Canadian Wheat Board:* Ken Ritter, Board Chair; Larry Hill, CWB Director; Jim Thompson, Senior Marketing Manager, Domestic and Export Wheat Products and U.S.A.. *As Individual:* Neil Strayer, Organic Producer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), study of the future role of the Federal Government in Canada's Agricultural sector.

Eric Leicht, Arnold Schmidt, John Husband, Allan Graf, Neil Strayer made opening statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:12 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 26

Monday, June 11, 2001

IN CAMERA





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Meeting No. 26

Monday, June 11, 2001

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 7:19 p.m. this day, in Room 214, Wellington Building, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Marcel Gagnon, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Rick Laliberte, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle, Suzanne Tremblay, Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Research Officers.

Consideration of an Interim Report.

The Committee began consideration of a draft interim report on the issue of the Future Role of the Government in the Grain and Oilseeds Sector.

It was agreed – That the draft report, as amended, be adopted as the Committee's Second Report to the House and that the Chair be instructed to present it to the House.

At 9:44 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 27

Tuesday, October 2, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs





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Meeting No. 27

Tuesday, October 2, 2001

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block for the purpose of electing a Chair pursuant to Standing Orders 106(1) and (2).

Member(s) of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Marcel Gagnon, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Member(s) present: Wayne Easter for Bob Speller and Ovid Jackson for Rick Laliberté.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Research Officer. *From the Committees and Parliamentary Associations Directorate:* Danielle Belisle.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(1) and (2), election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Howard Hilstrom, it was agreed, -- That Charles Hubbard do take the Chair of this Committee.

Accordingly, Charles Hubbard was declared duly elected Chair of the Committee and took the Chair.

On motion of Murray Calder, it was agreed, -- That Howard Hilstrom be elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of David L. Anderson, it was agreed, -- That Murray Calder be elected as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

It was agreed, -- That the Committee meet with the Canadian Cervid Council on Thursday, October 4th, 2001 at 9:00 a.m.

At 3:49 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 28

Thursday, October 4, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Briefing session with the Canadian Cervid Council

WITNESSES:

Canadian Cervid Council:

Serge Buy, Executive Director;

Dennis Schmidt, Past President.





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Meeting No. 28

Thursday, October 4, 2001

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Member(s) of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Mark Eyking, Marcel Gagnon, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick.

Acting Member(s) present: John Finlay for Bob Speller and Carol Skelton for Gary Breitzkreuz.

Other Member(s) present: Rob Merrifield.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Research Officers.

Witness(es): From the Canadian Cervid Council: Dennis Schmidt, Secretary-Treasurer and Delegate of the Ontario Elk Breeders Association; Serge Buy, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), Briefing Session with the Canadian Cervid Council.

Dennis Schmidt and Serge Buy made opening statements and answered questions.

At 10:06 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:10 a.m., the sitting resumed in camera to consider its future business.

It was agreed, - That the Committee hold a joint meeting with the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade on Tuesday, October 16, 2001 at 3:30 p.m. to mark World Food Day.

It was agreed, -- That members of the Board of Directors from the Canadian Wheat Board and/or CEO be invited to appear to provide the Committee an opportunity to discuss its recent position on banning genetically modified wheat and how future developments in biotechnology could affect its role in grain marketing.

It was agreed, -- That Pierre Pettigrew, Minister of International Trade, be invited as soon as possible to provide the Committee an update on measures the federal government has taken since the September 11th terrorist attack to ensure that the movement of agriculture products across the border is not being disrupted.

It was agreed, -- That, Bob Speller, M.P. and Chair of the Task Force on Future Opportunities in Farming, be invited to appear to give the Committee an update or interim report on their findings thus far. If Mr. Speller is unavailable, another member of the Task Force could appear in his place.

It was agreed, -- That the Canadian Food Inspection Agency be invited to appear at the earliest opportunity in order to inform the Canadians about the safety issues in light of the events of September 11th, 2001.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 29

Tuesday, October 16, 2001

IN CAMERA





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Meeting No. 29

Tuesday, October 16, 2001

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 10:08 a.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Claude Duplain, Mark Kyking, Marcel Gagnon, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Rose-Marie Ur.

Attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, researcher.

was negatived, -- That, in relation to its study on the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture, the proposed budget of \$139,600.00 for the trip to Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia be approved.

was agreed, -- That, in relation to its study on the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture, the proposed budget of \$180,600.00 for the trip to Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia be approved.

was agreed, -- That, in relation to its study on the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture, the proposed budget of \$66,300.00 for the trip to Ontario and Quebec be approved.

was agreed, -- That, in relation to its study on the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture, the proposed budget of \$126,375.00 for the trip to Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick be approved.

was agreed, -- That, the Chair of the Committee be authorized to approve and finalize the Committee's budgets and itinerary for the trip in the Canadian provinces, and to submit the said budgets or budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

was agreed, -- That, the Chair of the Committee ask the House of Commons for an order of reference to travel across Canada in the months of November and December 2001, to pursue its consideration of the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture, and that the travelling group be composed of a maximum of 11 members: two members from the Canadian Alliance, one member from the Bloc Québécois, one member from the NDP, one member from the Coalition of the Progressive Conservative Party and the Democratic Representation Caucus and six members of the Liberal Party, and the necessary staff do accompany the Committee.

was agreed, -- That, Pierre Pettigrew, Minister for International Trade, and Martin Cauchon, Minister of International Revenue and Secretary of State (Economic Development Agency of Canada for the regions of Quebec), be invited to appear to give an update on measures taken to ensure that the movement of agriculture and agri-food products crossing the border has not been disrupted following the 11th September events.

was agreed, -- That the Committee invites the following groups to appear before the committee:

Canadian Nursery Landscape Association

Pulse Canada Research

At 11:30 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville

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and of the Standing Committee on

FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Chair: Bill Graham, Lib.

Meeting No. 30

Tuesday, October 16, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of issues related to World Food Day

WITNESSES:

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:

Suzanne Vinet, Chief Agricultural Negotiator, International Trade Policy Directorate,
Market and Industry Services Branch.

Canadian Foodgrains Bank:

Stuart Clark, Policy Manager.

Canadian International Development Agency:

Iain Macgillivray, Agriculture Specialist, Policy Branch;

Bill Singleton, Chief Economist, Policy Branch.



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Meeting No. 31

Tuesday, October 23, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Briefing session on safety measures to prevent terrorist attack on the agricultural and agri-food sector

WITNESSES:

Canadian Food Inspection Agency :

André Gravel, Executive Vice-President;

Trudy Werry, Director, Office of Emergency Management.





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Meeting No. 31

Tuesday, October 23, 2001

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met in a televised session at 9:09 a.m. this day, in Room 37-C, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Murray Calder, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Marcel Gagnon, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Dr. André Gravel, Executive Vice-President; Trudy Werry, Director, Office of Emergency Management.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), Briefing Session on safety measures to prevent terrorist attack on the agricultural and agri-food sector.

Mr. André Gravel made a presentation and, with Trudy Werry, answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville
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Meeting No. 32

Thursday, November 1st, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Briefing session on Canadian Wheat Board's Position Statement Regarding the Production and the Marketing of Genetically Modified Wheat and Barley

WITNESSES:

Canadian Wheat Board:

Greg S. Arason, President and Chief Executive Officer;

Ken Ritter, Chair, Board of Directors;

Patty Rosher, Program Manager, Market Development, Sales and Market Development.

Ducks Unlimited Canada:

Brian T. Gray, Director of Conservation Programs;

Barry Turner, Director of Government Relations.





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Meeting No. 32

Thursday, November 1st, 2001

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Mark Eyking, Marcel Gagnon, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle, Suzanne Tremblay, Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, researcher.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Wheat Board: Ken Ritter, Chair, Board of Directors; Greg S. Arason, President and Chief Executive Officer; Patty Rosher, Program Manager, Market Development, Sales and Market Development. *From the Ducks Unlimited Canada:* Barry Turner, Director of Government Relations; Brian T. Gray, Director of Conservation Programs; Ian Campbell, Senior Agricultural Policy Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), Briefing Session on the Canadian Wheat Board's Position Statement Regarding the Production and the Marketing of Genetically Modified Wheat and Barley.

Ken Ritter and Greg S. Arason each made an opening statement, and with the witness, answered questions.

At 10:36 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:42 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), Briefing Session with Ducks Unlimited Canada.

Brian Gray made an opening statement, and with the witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:33 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth Kingston
Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 33

Tuesday, November 20, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Briefing session on measures taken to ensure that the movement of Agriculture and Agri-Food Products crossing the border has not been disrupted following the 11th September events

WITNESSES:

Customs and Revenue Agency Canada:

Brian Jones, Director, Import Process Division, Operational Policy and Coordination
Directorate, Customs Branch;

Denis Lefebvre, Deputy Commissioner, Customs Branch;

Craig Turner, Director, Admissibility Programs, Trade Policy and Interpretation
Directorate, Customs Branch.





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Meeting No. 33

Tuesday, November 20, 2001

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Claude Duplain, Mark Kyking, Marcel Gagnon, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Rick Laliberte, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Rose-Marie Ur.

Attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From Canada Customs and Revenue Agency: Denis Lefebvre, Assistant Commissioner, Customs Branch; Brian Jones, Director, Import Process Division, Operational Policy and Coordination Directorate, Customs Branch; Craig Turner, Director, Admissibility Programs, Trade Policy and Interpretation Directorate, Customs Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), Briefing Session on Measures taken to ensure that the movement of agriculture and Agri-Food Products crossing the border has not been disrupted following the 11th September events.

Mr. Denis Lefebvre made a presentation and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:00 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:01 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera to consider its future business.

It was agreed, -- That the Committee accept the requests of the following groups to appear before it:

- Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan on November 22, 2001.
- AGCare (Agricultural Groups Concerned about Resources and the Environment) on November 27.

It was agreed, -- That, Minister Ralph Goodale be invited to appear before the Committee to consider the marketing of wheat and barley; that the clerk and the researchers prepare two (2) different work plans to study the labelling of genetically modified organisms (GMO) and, the pesticides approval and the competitiveness of Canadian Farmers.

At 5:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 34

Thursday, November 22, 2001

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Briefing session with Pulse Canada regarding the Canada's Pulse Industry

Briefing session with Agriculture Producers Association of Saskatchewan

WITNESSES:

Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan:

Terry Hildebrandt, President;

Cecilia Oliver, Director.

Pulse Canada:

Germain Dauk, Chair;

Lyle Minogue, Chair, Saskatchewan Pulse Growers.



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Meeting No. 34

Thursday, November 22, 2001

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Marcel Gagnon, Charles Hubbard, Bob Speller, Rose-Marie Ur.

attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Research Officers.

witnesses: From Pulse Canada: Germain Dauk, Chair; Lyle Minogue, Chair, Saskatchewan Pulse Growers. *From the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan Inc.:* Terry Hildebrandt, President; Cecilia Oliver, Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), Briefing Session with Pulse Canada regarding the Canada's Pulse Industry.

The witnesses made a presentation and answered questions.

At 10:02 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:09 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), Briefing Session with Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (Strategic Transition and Agriculture Revitalization for Tomorrow)

Terry Hildebrandt made a presentation and, with Cecilia Oliver, answered questions.

At 11:10 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 35

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Briefing session with AGCare (Agricultural Groups Concerned About Resources and the Environment) regarding issues of pesticides approval and increased competitiveness for Canadians farmers

WITNESSES:

AGCare (Agricultural Groups Concerned About Resources and the Environment):

Jim Fischer, Chairman;

Jeff Wilson, Director, Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association.

Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association:

John Gorzo Jr., First Vice-President.

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Meeting No. 35

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:37 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Mark Eyking, Marcel Gagnon, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From AGCare (Agricultural Groups Concerned About Resources and the Environment): Jim Fischer, Chairman; Jeff Wilson, Director, Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association; John Gorzo Jr., 1st Vice President, Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), Briefing Session with AGCare (Agricultural Groups Concerned About Resources and the Environment) regarding issues of pesticides approval and increased competitiveness for Canadian farmers.

Jeff Wilson, Jim Fischer and John Gorzo Jr. made a presentation and answered questions.

At 10:57 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 36

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Supplementary Estimates (A), for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2002: VOTES 1a, 5a, 10a, 25a, and 30a under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD, laid upon the table on November 1, 2001

APPEARING:

Hon. Lyle Vanclicf, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

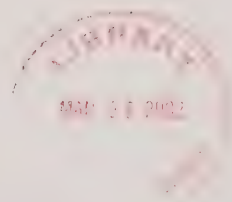
WITNESSES:

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:

Bruce Deacon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management Branch.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Ron Doering, President.



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Meeting No. 36

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met in a televised session at 12:31 p.m. this day, in Room 33-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Rick Laliberte, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Bob Snel, Paul Steckle, Suzanne Tremblay, Rose-Marie Ur.

Attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Research Officers.

Appearing: From Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada: The Hon. Lyle Vancief, Minister, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

Witnesses: From Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada: Samy Watson, Deputy Minister; Diane Vincent, Associate Deputy Minister; Bruce Deacon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management Branch. *From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Ron Doering, President.

ORDERED, - That the Supplementary Estimates (A), for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2002: VOTES 1, 5a, 10a, 25a and 30a under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD, laid upon the table on November 1, 2001 be referred to the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food. (Extract from the Journals of the House of Commons, Thursday, November 1, 2001)

The Hon. Lyle Vancief and Bruce Deacon, made a presentation and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:38 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 37

Tuesday, December 4, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Briefing Session on the WTO Agriculture Negotiations at the 4th Ministerial Conference in Qatar

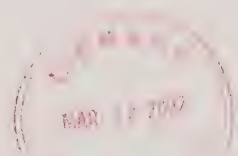
WITNESSES:

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:

Suzanne Vinet, Chief Agricultural Negotiator, International Trade Policy Directorate,
Market and Industry Services Branch.

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:

Don Stephenson, Director General, Trade Policy Bureau II, Services, Investment and
Intellectual Property Bureau.





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Meeting No. 37

Tuesday, December 4, 2001

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:17 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Marcel Gagnon, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Suzanne Tremblay, Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, researcher.

Witnesses: From the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada: Suzanne Vinet, Chief Agricultural Negotiator, International Trade Policy Directorate, Market and Industry Services Branch. *From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:* Don Stephenson, Director General, Trade Policy Bureau II, Services, Investment and Intellectual Property Bureau.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), Briefing Session on the WTO Agriculture Negotiations at the 4th Ministerial Conference in Qatar, November 9 to 13, 2001.

Don Stephenson and Suzanne Vinet made declarations and answered questions.

At 11:10 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 38

Tuesday, December 11, 2001

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Briefing Session

Study of Chapter 1 (Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin) of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development Report

WITNESSES:

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:

Yaprak Baltacioglu, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch.

Canadian Nursery Landscape Association:

Jeff Hicks, National Growers Chair;

Bruce McTavish, Past President, Planning and Governance.

"Fédération interdisciplinaire de l'horticulture ornementale du Québec":

Jacques Côté, Executive Director;

André Mousseau, President.

Flowers Canada:

Garry Watson, Executive Director.

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Johanne G  linas, Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development;

Peter Morrison, Director, Office of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development;

John Reed, Principal, Office of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development.



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Meeting No. 38

Tuesday, December 11, 2001

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met in a televised session at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Claude Duplain, Mark Eying, Marcel Gagnon, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Bob Speller, Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, researcher.

Witnesses: From the Flowers Canada: Dr. Garry Watson, Executive Director, Flowers Canada; Dr. Irwin Smith, Executive Director, Flowers Ontario; Ted Oorsprong, Flowers Canada Production Council; Chris Brown Jr., Flowers Canada Production Council; Martin Langbroke, Vice-President, Production, Flowers Canada. *From the Canadian Nursery Landscape Association:* Chris D. Andrews, Executive Director; Vic Krahn, President of the Board; Jeff Hicks, National Growers Chair; Bruce McTavish, Past President, Planning & Governance; Henry Heuver, Government Liaison Chairman. *From the "Fédération interdisciplinaire de l'horticulture ornementale du Québec":* Jacques Côté, Executive Director; André Mousseau, President. *From the Office of the Auditor General of Canada:* Johanne Gélinas, Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development; John Reed, Principal, Office of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development; Peter Morrison, Director, Office of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development. *From the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:* Yaprak Baltacioglu, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch; Simon Kennedy, Director General, Policy Planning and Integration, Strategic Policy Branch; Frank Brunetta, Acting Director General, Review Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), Briefing Session.

Pusuant to Standing Order 108 (2), Consideration of Chapter 1 (Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin) of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development Report.

Bruce McTavish, Garry Watson, Jacques Côté and Jeff Hicks made a presentation and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10h05 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10h14 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Johanne Gélinas and Yaprak Baltacioglu made a presentation and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11h33 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11h37 a.m., the sitting resumed *in camera* to consider its future business.

It was agreed,--That the Committee begin to examine the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) as soon as possible.

It was agreed,--That the Honourable Lyle Vanclief, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, be invited to appear before the Committee begins its study on the Future Role of the Government in February 2002, in order to give a briefing session on the five-year plan of the Department.

At 12:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 39

Tuesday, January 29, 2002

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study on the Labelling of Genetically Modified Food (Impacts of voluntary and mandatory labelling on agricultural producers and the rest of the agri-food industry)

WITNESSES:

Round Table I

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:

Michael Presley, Director General, Food Bureau.

Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors:

Jeanne Cruikshank, Vice-President, Atlantic Office.

National Farmers Union:

Stewart Wells, President;

Lyle Wright, Member.





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Meeting No. 39

Tuesday, January 29, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:00 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Mark Eyking, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle, Suzanne Tremblay, Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Member present: Carol Skelton for Garry Breitkreuz.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, researcher.

Witnesses: Roundtable 1 From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Michael Presley, Director General, Food Bureau, Market and Industry Services Branch; Lynn Stewart, Director, Food Bureau, Market and Industry Services Branch. *From the Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors:* Jeanne Cruikshank, Vice-President, Atlantic Office. *From the National Farmers' Union:* Stewart Wells, President; Lyle Wright, Member.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), Study on the Labelling of Genetically Modified Food. (Impacts of voluntary and mandatory labelling on agricultural producers and the rest of the agri-food industry)

Michael Presley, Jeanne Cruikshank, Stewart Wells made statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:01 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:10 a.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

At 11:45 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 40

Thursday, January 31, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the Labelling of Genetically Modified Food (Impacts of voluntary and mandatory labelling on agricultural producers and the rest of the agri-food industry)

WITNESSES:

Round Table II

Canadian Federation of Agriculture:

Marvin Shauf, Second Vice-President.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Bart Bilmer, Director, Office of Biotechnology;

Peter Brackenridge, Vice-President, Programs.

Canadian Grain Commission:

Brian Marchylo, Acting Director, Grain Research Laboratory.

Canadian Wheat Board:

Gord Flaten, Director, Market Development.

Food and Consumer Products Manufacturers of Canada:

Laurie Curry, Vice-President, Public Policy and Scientific Affairs.





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Meeting No. 40

Thursday, January 31, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met in a televised session at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Mark Eyking, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle, Suzanne Tremblay, Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Member present: Carol Skelton for Gary Breitkreuz.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, researcher.

Witnesses: Roundtable 2 From the Canadian Wheat Board: Gord Flaten, Director, Market Development; Alexandra Lamont, Advisor, Strategic Planning and Policy. From the Canadian Grain Commission: Brian Marchylo, Acting Director, Grain Research Laboratory. From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Peter Brackenridge, Vice-President, Programs; Bart Bilmer, Director, Office of Biotechnology. From the Canadian Federation of Agriculture: Marvin Shauf, 2nd Vice-President; Dietwald Claus, Policy Analyst. From the Food and Consumer Products Manufacturers of Canada: Laurie Curry, Vice-President, Public Policy and Scientific Affairs; Martin Jamieson, Vice-President, North America Integration and Planning, General Mills Inc..

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the Labelling of Genetically Modified Food. (Impacts of voluntary and mandatory labelling on agricultural producers and the rest of the agri-food industry)

Gord Flaten, Brian Marchylo, Peter Brackenridge, Marvin Shauf and Laurie Curry made opening statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 41

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the Registration of Pesticides and the Competitiveness of Canadian Farmers

WITNESSES:

Canadian Federation of Agriculture:

Bob Friesen, President.

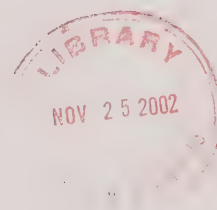
Canadian Horticultural Council:

Anne Fowlie, Executive Vice-President.

CropLife Canada:

Peter MacLeod, Executive Director, Crop Protection Chemistry;

Charles D. Milne, Vice-President, Government Affairs.





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Meeting No. 41

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Mark Eyking, Marcel Gagnon, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Suzanne Tremblay, Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, researcher.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Federation of Agriculture: Bob Friesen, President; Nicole Howe, Policy Analyst. *From the CropLife Canada:* Charles D. Milnes, Vice-President, Government Affairs; Peter MacLeod, Executive Director, Crop Protection Chemistry. *From the Canadian Horticultural Council:* Anne Fowlie.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), Study on the Registration of Pesticides and the Competitiveness of Canadian Farmers.

Bob Friesen, Charles Milnes, Peter MacLeod and Anne Fowlie, made opening statements and answered questions.

At 10:55 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Philippe Méla

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 42

Wednesday, February 6, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Briefing Session on the Agricultural Policy Framework

APPEARING:

Hon. Lyle Vanclief, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food





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Meeting No. 42

Wednesday, February 6, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met in a televised session at 12:20 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Mark Eyking, Marcel Gagnon, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle, Suzanne Tremblay, Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Wayne Easter for Claude Duplain; Joe McGuire for Rick Laliberté; Carol Skelton for Garry Breitkreuz.

Associate Member present: Carol Skelton.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, researcher.

Appearing: From Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada: Lyle Vanclicf, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Samy Watson, Deputy Minister; Diane Vincent, Associate Deputy Minister.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), Briefing Session on the Agricultural Policy Framework.

On motion of Bob Speller,- It was agreed,-That the meeting of the Committee be televised.

Lyle Vanclicf made an opening statement and, with other witnesses answered questions.

At 12:50 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Philippe Méla

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 43

Thursday, February 7, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the registration of the pesticides and the competitiveness of canadian farmers

WITNESSES:

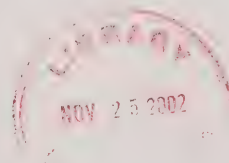
Department of Health:

Richard Aucoin, Acting Director, Product Sustainability and Coordination Division, Pest Management Regulatory Agency;

Daniel Chaput, Director, Compliance, Lab Services and Regional Operations Division, Pest Management Regulatory Agency;

Claire Franklin, Executive Director, Pest Management Regulatory Agency;

Janet Taylor, Manager, Registered Product Evaluation Business Line, Pest Management Regulatory Agency.





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Meeting No. 43

Thursday, February 7, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Mark Eyking, Marcel Gagnon, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, researcher; Jean-Denis Fréchette, researcher.

Witnesses: From the Department of Health: Claire Franklin, Executive Director, Pest Management Regulatory Agency; Richard Aucoin, Acting Director, Product Sustainability and Coordination Division, Pest Management Regulatory Agency; Daniel Chaput, Director, Compliance, Lab Services and Regional Operations Division, Pest Management Regulatory Agency; Janet Taylor, Manager, Registered Product Evaluation Business Line, Pest Management Regulatory Agency.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), Study on the Registration of Pesticides and the Competitiveness of Canadian Farmers.

Claire Franklin, Daniel Chaput and Janet Taylor made opening statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Philippe Méla

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 44

Monday, February 18, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the future Role of the Government in Agriculture

WITNESSES:

As Individual:

Marvin Dyck;
Les Felsch;
Charles Fossay;
Stan Fryza;
Shirley Galbraith;
Dennis Gallant;
Wilfred Harder;
Walter Kolisnyk;
Bill Matheson;
John Morrisson;
Henry Penner;
Jack Penner;



Bill Ridgeway;
Edgar Scheurer;
Eric Thornhill;
Rae Trimble;
Calvin Vaags;
Ian Wishart.

Animal Nutrition Association:

Herb Schultz.

Canadian Cooperative Association:

Glen Tully, President.

Canadian Sheep Federation:

Randy Eros.

Government of Manitoba:

Rosann Wowchuk, Minister of Agriculture and Food.

Manitoba Cattle Producers Association:

Betty Green, Vice-president.

Manitoba Chicken Producers:

Fred Homann, General Manager.

Manitoba Milk Producers:

William Swan, Chairman.

Manitoba Pork Council:

Marcel Hacault, Chair.

Manitoba Turkey Producers:

Bill Uruski, Vice-Chair.

Nu Gen Ag Ventures Inc.:

Ken Yuill, President.

South Interlake Agricultural Society:

Gordon Grenkow, President.



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Meeting No. 44

Monday, February 18, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 8:50 a.m. this day, in Stonewall, Manitoba, the C Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Dick Proctor and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Member present: Odina Desrochers for Suzanne Tremblay.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Research Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture.

Witnesses: From the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of Manitoba: The Hon. Rosann Wowchuk, Minister; Craig Lee, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Economics Division; Don Zasada, Deputy Minister.

The Minister made a statement and answered questions.

At 9:35 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:40 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel I: *From the Manitoba Chicken Producers:* Fred Homann, General Manager. *From the Manitoba Milk Producers:* William Swan, Chairman. *From the Manitoba Pork Council:* Marcel Hacault, Chair. *From the Nu Gen Ag Ventures Inc.:* Ken Yuill, President. *From the Canadian Cooperative Association:* Glen Tully, President. *From the Manitoba Cattle Association:* Betty Green, Vice-President. *From the Animal Nutrition Association:* Herb Schultz. *From the Canadian Sheep Federation:* Randy Eros. *From the South Interlake Agricultural Society:* Gordon Grenkow, President.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:49 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:10 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II: *From the Manitoba Turkey Producers:* Bill Urvski, Vice-Chair. *As Individual:* Calvin Vaags; Henry Penner; Dennis Gallant; Stan Fryza; Bill Matheson; John Morrison; Bill Ridgeway; Les Felsch.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 11:45 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:50 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel III: *As Individual:* Edgar Scheurer; Ian Wishart; Rae Trimble; Shirley Galbraith; Walter Kolisnyk; Charles Fossay; Wilfred Harder; Jack Penner; Eric Thornhill; Marvin Dyck.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 45

Monday, February 18, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture

WITNESSES:

Round Table I

Canadian Federation of Agriculture:

Marvin Shauf, 2nd Vice-President.

CIBC – Agri Banking:

Frank Thomas, General Manager, Western Manitoba.

As Individuals:

Don Bromley;

Walter Findlay;

Jim Green;

Bob Mazer;

Murray McCallum.

Round Table II

Agricore United:

Wayne Drul, Director.

Brandon University:

Richard Rounds, Director, Rural Development Institute.

Manitoba Broiler Hatching Egg Commission:

Robert Muir.

As Individuals:

Murray Downing;

Ken Harms;

Art Mainil;

Kathleen Patterson;

Charlene Rowland;

Curtis Simms;

Stan Yaskiw.

Round Table III

As Individuals:

Paul Belcheff;

Andrew Dennis;

Donald Dewar;

Dale Dornian;

Joe Dusik;

Barry Farr;

Joe Federowich;

David Hanlin;

Daryl Knight;

Al Marshall;

Dan Mazier;

Brad Mazur;

Weldon Newton;

Jack Peters;

Tony Riley;

Ian Robson;

Scott Rose;

Mark Saterley;

Ken Schellenberg;

Fred Tait.



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Meeting No. 45

Monday, February 18, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:46 p.m. this day, in Brandon, Manitoba, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Member present: Odina Desrochers for Suzanne Tremblay.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Research Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture.

Witnesses: Panel I: From the Canadian Federation of Agriculture: Marvin Shauf, 2nd Vice-President. *From the CIBC - Agri Banking:* Frank Thomas, General Manager, Western Manitoba. *As Individual:* Murray McCallum; Bob Mazer; Walter Finlay; Jim Green; Don Bromley.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

Panel II: *From the Brandon University:* Dr. Richard Rounds, Rural Development. *From the Agricore United:* Wayne Drul, Director. *From the Manitoba Broiler Hatching Egg Commission:* Robert Muir. *As Individual:* Art Mainil; Ken Harms; Charlene Rowland; Murray Downing; Curtis Sims; Stan Yaskiw; Kathleen Patterson.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

Panel III: Al Marshall; Joe Dusik; David Hanlin; Ken Schellenberg; Andrew Dennis; Donald Dewar; Scott Rose; Daryl Knight; Dan Mazier; Jack Peters; Joe Federowich; Tony Riley; Fred Tait, Brad Mazur; Ian Robson; Mark Saterley; Paul Belcheff; Barry Farr; Dale Dornian; Weldon Newton.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 8:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 46

Tuesday, February 19, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture

WITNESSES:

Round Table I

Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan:

Terry Hildebrandt, President.

Back to the Farm Research Foundation:

Elmer Laird, President.

Farmers of North America:

Jim Mann, President.

Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities:

Neil Hardy, Vice-President.

Saskatchewan Eco-Network:

Kathy Holtslander, Representative.



Saskatchewan Food Security Network:

Karen Archibald, Representative;

Don Kossick, Representative.

Saskatchewan Organic Directorate:

Arnold Taylor, President.

Saskatchewan Pulse Growers:

Glen Annand, Representative.

Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association:

Curt Hagele.

University of Saskatchewan:

Alex Livingston, Dean, Western College of Veterinary Medicine.

West Central Road and Rail:

Bill Woods, Representative.

Round Table II

As Individuals:

Ron Bishoff;

Vic Bruce;

Carol Husband

Noreen Johns;

Darwyn MacKenzie;

David Orchard;

Warren Potter;

Armand Roy.

Round Table III

As Individuals:

Greg Brkich;

Marilyn Gillis;

Rob Goeres;

Hart Haidn;

Ian McCreary;

Bruce Osioway;

Lloyd Pletz;

Percy Schmeiser;

Bob Thomas;

George Turanich;

Darhl Vercaigne;

Wayne Zimmer.



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Meeting No. 46

Tuesday, February 19, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 10:27 a.m. this day, in Davidson, Saskatchewan, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Member present: Odina Desrochers for Suzanne Tremblay.

Associate Members present: Lynne Yelich; Larry Spencer.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Researcher.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its Study on the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture.

Witnesses: Panel I: From the Back to the Farm Research Foundation: Elmer Laird, President. *From the Saskatchewan Eco-Network:* Cathy Holtslander. *From the Saskatchewan Organic Directorate:* Arnold Taylor. *From the Farmers of North America Inc.:* Jim Mann, President. *From the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities:* Neal Hardy, Vice-President. *From the Saskatchewan Pulse Growers:* Glen Annand. *From the West Central Road and Rail:* Bill Woods. *From the Saskatchewan Food Security Network:* Karen Archibald; Don Korsick. *From the University of Saskatchewan:* Alex Livingston, Dean. *From the Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association:* Dr. Curt Hagele. *From the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan Inc.:* Terry Hildebrandt, President.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

Panel II: *As Individuals:* Armand Roy; Vic Bruce; Ron Bishoff; Carol Husband; Warren Potter; Noreen Johns; Darwyn MacKenzie; David Orchard.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 1:00 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:10 p.m., the sitting resumed, the Vice-Chair, Howard Hilstrom presiding.

Panel III: *As Individuals:* Hart Haidn; Marilyn Gillis; Bob Thomas; Percy Schmeiser; Wayne Zimmer; Lloyd Pletz; Ian McCreary; Darhl Vercaigne; George Turanich; Rob Goeres; Bruce Osioy; Greg Brkich.

The witnesses made a statement and answered questions.

At 2:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 47

Tuesday, February 19, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture

WITNESSES:

Round Table I

Canadian Organic Certification Co-op:

Ken Hymers, Representative.

Empress Line Producer Car Shippers Association:

Edwin Wallace, Representative.

Honey Bee Manufacturing Ltd.:

Brad Nelson, Representative.

Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan:

The Hon. Clay Serby, Minister of Agriculture and Food.

National Farmers' Union:

Stewart Wells, President.



Saskatchewan Party Caucus:

Bill Boyd, Representative.

As Individual:

Lynden Elviss;

Con Johnson;

Keith Murch;

Newton Myers;

Arnold Schmidt;

Dean Smith.

Round Table II

Prime Pro Ventures Inc.:

Steve Erickson, General Manager.

As Individuals:

Irene Ahner;

Larry Bonesky;

Garry Nisbet;

Ron Gleim;

Charles Kieling;

Cliff Murch;

Grant Payant;

Linda Trytten.



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Meeting No. 47

Tuesday, February 19, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 6:50 p.m. this day, in Swift Current, Saskatchewan, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Member present: Odina Desrochers for Suzanne Tremblay.

Attendance: *From the Library of Parliament:* Jean-Denis Fréchette, Research Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture.

Appearing: *From the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan:* The Hon. Clay Serby, Minister of Agriculture and Food of Saskatchewan.

The Minister made a statement and answered questions.

Witnesses: **Panel I:** *From the Empress Line Producer Car Shippers Association:* Edwin Wallace. *From the Canadian Organic Certification Coop:* Ken Hymers. *From the Honey Bee Manufacturing Ltd.:* Brad Nelson. *From the Saskatchewan Party Caucus:* Bill Boyd. *As Individual:* Con Johnson; Lynden Elviss; Newton Myers; Sean Smith. *From the National Farmers' Union:* Stewart Wells, President. *As Individual:* Keith Murch; Arnold Schmidt.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 9:20 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:30 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II: *As Individual:* Garry Nisbet; Irene Ahner; Ron Gleim; Larry Bonesky; Grant Payant; Linda Trytten; Charles Kieling; Cliff Murch. *From Prime Pro Ventures Inc.:* Steve Erickson.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:44 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 48

Wednesday, February 20, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture

WITNESSES:

Round Table I

Alberta Canola Producers Commission:

Ward Toma, General Manager;

Nico van der Giessen, Director.

As Individual:

Norman Dyck;

Dave Hegland;

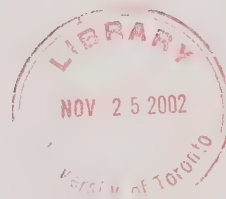
Tom Kulicki;

Sadie Macklin;

Leo Meyer;

Duane Stevenson;

Allan Webber.



Round Table II

As Individual:

Wayne Davies;

Art MacKlen;

Irv Macklin;

Ron Matula;

Cliff Richards;

Harry Schudlo;

John Sloan;

Claude Smith.



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Meeting No. 48

Wednesday, February 20, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 10:23 a.m. this day, in the Travelodge Trumpeter, Richmond "C" Room, Grande Prairie, Alberta, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Howard Hilstrom, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Myron Thompson for David Anderson; Odina Desrochers for Suzanne Tremblay.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, researcher.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its Study on the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture.

Witnesses: Panel I: From the Alberta Canola Producers Commission: Ward Toma, General Manager; Nico Van Der Giessen, Director, Region 2. *As Individual:* Tom Kulicki; Duane Stevenson; Allan Webber; Sadie Macklin; Norman Dyck; Leo Meyer; Dave Hegland.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 11:40 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:45 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II: *As Individual:* Cliff Richards; Irv Macklin; John Sloan; Ron Matula; Wayne Davies; Claude Smith; Harry Schudlo and Art MacKlen.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 1:15 p.m., Howard Hilstrom, Vice-Chair, took the Chair.

At 2:00 p.m., Charles Hubbard took the Chair.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 2:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 49

Thursday, February 21, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the future Role of the Government in Agriculture

WITNESSES:

Round Table I

Alberta Chicken Producers:

Don Sundgaard, Chairman.

Alberta Soft Wheat Producers Commission:

Lynn Jacobson, President.

Calgary Chamber of Commerce:

David Usherwood, Vice-Chair, Agriculture and Food Committee.

Council for Rural Conservation:

Adam Campbell, Representative.



As Individual:

Harvey Buckley;
Robert Filkohazy;
Elaine Hall;
Rick Paskal;
Lynda Swanson;
Paul Thibodeau;
Neil Wagstaff.

Round Table II

Alberta Sugar Beet Growers:

Merrill Harris, Representative.

Alberta Egg Producers Board:

Charlie van Arman, Representative.

Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association:

Ted Menzies, Vice-President.

As Individual:

John Balderson;
Bruce Beattie;
Peter Hoff;
Norman Jacobsen;
Knut Larson;
Bob Maston;
Ken Nodge;
Rob Oudman;
Jan Slomp;
Hank van Beers.



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The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:01 a.m. this day, in Vulcan, Alberta, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Howard Hilstrom, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Rick Casson for David Anderson, Odina Desrochers for Suzanne Tremblay.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Researcher.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture.

Witnesses: Panel I: From the Alberta Soft Wheat Producers Commission: Lynn Jacobson, Chairman, Marketing. *As Individual:* Elaine Hall; Lynda Swanson; Rick Paskal; Harvey Buckley; Robert Filkohazy; Paul Thibodeau; Neil Wagstaff. *From the Council for Rural Conservation:* Adam Campbell. *From the Calgary Chamber of Commerce:* David Usherwood, Vice-Chair, Agri and Food Committee. *From the Alberta Chicken Producers:* Don Sundgaard, Chairman.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 11:08 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:17 a.m., the sitting was resumed.

Panel II: As Individual: Knute Larson. *From the Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association:* Ted Menzies, Vice-President. *As Individual:* Bruce Beattie. *From the Alberta Egg Producers:* Charlie van Arman. *As Individual:* Bob Maston; Jan Slomp; Hank van Beers; Peter Hoff; Rob Oudman. *From the Alberta Beets Growers:* Merrill Harris, Vice-President. *As Individual:* John Balderson; Ken Nodge; Norman Jacobsen. *From the Canadian Wheat Board:* Jim Chatenay.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:32 p.m., Howard Hilstrom took the Chair.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 50

Thursday, February 21, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the future Role of the Government in Agriculture

WITNESSES:

Round Table 1:

Agraroots Network:

Anna Kirbyson, Project Director.

Apple Valley Country Gardens:

Alan Clarke.

B.C. Agriculture Council:

Russell Husch, Representative.

B.C. Fruit Growers Association:

James Calissi, Executive Member;

Joe Sardinha, Executive Member.

B.C. Tree Fruits Ltd.:

Greg Gauthier, General Manager;

Gerry Shaw, President.



British Columbia Fruit Packers:

Rob Holitzki, Director;

Richard King, General Manager.

British Columbia Wine Institute:

Tony Stewart, President.

Okanagan-Kootenay Cherry Growers:

Greg Norton, President.

As Individuals:

R.A. Gatzke;

Gordie Ivans;

Terry Klokeid.

Round Table II

As Individuals:

Rochelle Eisen;

Peter Johnson;

Lisa McIntosh.



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Meeting No. 50

Thursday, February 21, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 4:28 p.m., this day, in Kelowna, British Columbia, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Dick Proctor and Paul Steckle.

Acting Members present: Werner Schmidt for David Anderson and Odina Desrochers for Suzanne Tremblay.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Research Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture.

Witnesses: Panel I: As Individual: Terry Klokeid; R.A. Gatzke. *From the Okanagan - Kootenay Cherry Growers:* Greg Norton. *From the B.C. Agriculture Council:* Russell Husch. *From the Agraroots Network:* Anna Kirbyson. *From the British Columbia Wine Institute:* Tony Stewart, Chairman. *From the British Columbia Fruit Growers Association:* James Calissi; Joe Sardinha. *From the British Columbia Fruit Packers:* Rob Holitzki; Richard King. *From the B. C. Tree Fruits Limited:* Gerry Shaw; Greg Gauthier. *As Individual:* Gordie Ivans. *From the Apple Valley Country Gardens:* Alan Clarke.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

Panel II: *As Individual:* Lisa McIntosh; Rochelle Eisen; Peter Johnston. *From the Small Scale Grower of Certified Organic Garlic:* Peter Johnston.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 7:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 51

Friday, February 22, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the future Role of the Government in Agriculture

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Brewster Kneen;

Cathleen Kneen;

Peter Murray;

Bruce Newton;

Peter Phillip.





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Meeting No. 51

Friday, February 22, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 8:53 a.m. this day, in Kamloops, British Columbia, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Murray Calder, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Dick Proctor and Paul Steckle.

Acting Members present: Odina Desrochers for Suzanne Tremblay and Betty Hinton for David Anderson.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Senior Analyst.

Witnesses: As Individual: Brewster Kneen; Peter Murray; Peter Phillip; Bruce Newton and Cathleen Kneen.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

Pursuant to an order adopted on February 27, 2001, the Chair authorized that the document entitled “*Presentation to the Honourable Paul Martin, Minister of Finance, on behalf of the Cariboo, British Columbia, and Canadian Cattlemen’s Association – January 14, 2002, Williams Lake, British Columbia*” be filed as an exhibit with the Clerk of the Committee. (Exhibit “AGRI-A”).

Pursuant to an order adopted on February 27, 2001, the Chair authorized that the document entitled “*Interests in the Treaty Land Selection Process prepared by the British Columbia Cattlemen’s Association – June 15, 2001*” be filed as an exhibit with the Clerk of the Committee (Exhibit “AGRI-B”).

At 10:47 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Charles Hubbard, Lib.

Meeting No. 52

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the Labelling of Genetically Modified Food

WITNESSES:

Agricultural Groups Concerned about Resources and the Environment (AGCare):

Quentin Martin, Member of the Board.

Canola Council of Canada:

JoAnne Buth, Vice-President, Crop Production.

Department of Health:

Paul Mayers, Director, Food Policy Integration, Food Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch.

KPMG Consulting:

Geoff Golder, Senior Manager.

Western Grain Elevators Association:

Ed H. Guest, Executive Director.





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Meeting No. 52

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Marcel Gagnon, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Canola Council of Canada: JoAnne Buth, Vice-President. *From the KPMG Canada:* Geoff Golder, Senior Manager. *From the AGCare (Agricultural Groups Concerned About Resources and the Environment):* Quentin Martin, Member of the Board; Brenda Cassidy, Executive Director. *From the Western Grain Elevator Association:* Ed H. Guest, Executive Director. *From the Department of Health:* Paul Mayers, Director, Food Policy Integration, Food Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), Study on the Labelling of Genetically Modified Food. (Impacts of voluntary and mandatory labelling on agricultural producers and the rest of the agri-food industry).

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 11:02 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps
Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 53

Thursday, February 28, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the Labelling of Genetically Modified Food

WITNESSES:

Baking Association of Canada:

Paul Hetherington, President

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Janet Lambert, President.

Canadian National Millers Association:

Gordon Harrison, President.

Consumers' Association of Canada:

Jennifer Hillard, Vice-President, Issues and Policy;

Gail Lacombe, Past President.

Grain Growers of Canada:

Terry Daynard, Chair of the Biotech Committee;

Brian Trueblood, Executive Member of the Board.



Ontario Corn Producers' Association:

Ken Hough, Director of Research and Market Development.



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Meeting No. 53

Thursday, February 28, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Charles Hubbard, Dick Proctor and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Member present: Odina Desrochers for Suzanne Tremblay.

Other Member present: Dale Johnston.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Canadian National Millers Association: Gordon Harrison, President. *From the Baking Association of Canada:* Paul Hetherington, President. *From the Consumers' Association of Canada:* Jennifer Hillard, Vice-President, Issues and Policy; Gail Lacombe, Past President. *From the Grain Growers of Canada:* Brian Trueblood, Executive Member of the Board; Terry Daynard, Chair of the Biotech Committee. *From the Ontario Corn Producers' Association:* Ken Hough, Director of Research and Market Development. *From the BIOTEC Canada:* Janet Lambert, President; Chris Warfield, Director, Government and Regulatory Affairs, Aventis CropScience; Carole Nap, Vice-President, Policy and Public Affairs.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the Labelling of Genetically Modified Food. (Impacts of voluntary and mandatory labelling on agricultural producers and the rest of the agri-food industry).

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Philippe Méla
Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 54

Monday, March 11, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture

WITNESSES:

Round Table I

Canadian Cattlemen's Association:

Stan Eby, Director.

Grain Growers of Canada:

Ken Bee, Vice-President.

Great Canadian Bean Co. Ltd.:

Peter Twynstra, President.

Hempline Incorporated:

Geoffrey Kime, President.

Lambton Federation of Agriculture:

Don McGugan, Past President.

Ontario Agriculture Commodity council:

Bob Down, Chair.



Ontario Bean Producers` Marketing Board:

Tino Breuer, General Manager.

Ontario Soybean Growers:

Greg Devries, Ontario Field Crop Research Coalition.

As Individual:

Jim Wilson.

Round Table II

Canadian Alliance of Pipeline Landowners Associations:

Dave Core, President.

Catholic Rural Life:

Tony Beernink, Past President.

County of Huron:

Ben Van Diepenbeek, Warden.

Garlic Growers Association of Ontario:

Wayne Passmore, President.

Great Lakes Organic Inc.:

Beatrix Enter, Manager.

Huron County Federation of Agriculture:

Charles Regele, President.

Middlesex County Pork Producers:

Henry Aukema, Chair.

Ontario Corn Producers` Association:

Dennis Jack, President.

Ontario Field Crop Research Coalition:

Don McCabe, Second Vice-President.

Round Table III

Canadian Renewable Fuels Association:

Bliss Baker, President.

Casco Inc.:

Jim Grey, President.

Dairy Farmers of Ontario:

Gord Coukell.

Erb Crop Management Systems Inc.:

Mervyn J. Erb, Independent Crop Consultant.

Kitchener Waterloo Food Action:

Alistair Neill Stewart, Co-Chair.

Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers` Association:

Larry Verbeke, Second Vice-President.

Sifto Canada Inc.:

Al Hamilton, Chemical Business Manager.

As Individuals:

Judy Greenwood-Speers;

Rod MacRae.

Round Table IV

Agricultural Groups Concerned About Resources and the Environment:

Mary Lou Garr, Chair.

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority:

Tom Prout, General Manager.

Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario:

Elbert van Donkersgoed, Strategic Policy Adviser.

Exeter Produce and Storage Company Ltd.:

Len Veri, President.

Independent Ontario Hog Producers Association:

David Linton, Vice-Chair.

Ontario Agri-Food Education:

Pamela Stanley, Spokesperson.

Ontario Soybean Growers:

Jim Gowland, Director.

Ontario Wheat Producers` Marketing Board:

Ron Martin, Director, District 3.

Toronto Food Policy Council:

Wayne Roberts, Project Coordinator.

As Individuals:

Davis Bryans;

Gerald Kolkman;

Terry Laire;

David Smith;

Steve Twynstra.



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Meeting No. 54

Monday, March 11, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:00 a.m. this day, in the Terrace Room of the Oakwood Inn Resort, Grand Bend, Ontario, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Researcher.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the committee resumed its study on the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture.

Witnesses: Panel I: From the Hempline: Geoffrey Kime. *From the Canadian Cattlemen's Association:* Stan Eby, Director. *From the Great Canadian Bean Co. Ltd.:* Peter Twynstra, President. *From the Ontario Bean Producers' Marketing Board:* Tino Breuer, General Manager. *As Individual:* Jim Wilson. *From the Grain Growers of Canada:* Ken Bee. *From the Lambton Federation of Agriculture:* Don McGugan, Past President. *From the Ontario Agricultural Commodity Council:* Bob Down, Chair. *From the Ontario Soybean Growers:* Greg Devries, Ontario Field Crop Research Coalition.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:42 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:02 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II: *From the Middlesex County Pork Producers:* Henry Aukema, Chair. *From the Huron County Federation of Agriculture:* Charles Regele. *From the Garlic Growers' Association of Ontario:* Wayne Passmore. *From the Canadian Allied Pipeline Landowners Associations:* Dave Core, President. *From the Ontario Corn Producers' Association:* Dennis Jack, President. *From the Catholic Rural Life:* Tony Beernink, Past President. *From the County of Huron:* Ben Van Diepenbeek, Warden. *From the Ontario Field Crop Research Coalition:* Don McCabe, Second Vice-President. *From the Great Lakes Organic inc.:* Beatrix Enter, Manager.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:13 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:19 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel III: *From the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association:* Larry Verbeke, 2nd Vice-President. *From the Dairy Farmers of Ontario:* Gord Coukell. *From the Casco Inc.:* Jim Grey,

President. *From the Canadian Renewable Fuels Association:* Bliss Baker, President. *From the Kitchener Waterloo Food Action:* Alistair Neill Stewart, Co-Chair. *As Individual:* Judy Greenwood-Speers; Rod MacRae, Agricultural Project Consultant, WWF. *From the Erb Crop Management Systems Inc.:* Mervyn J. Erb. *From the Sifto Canada Inc.:* Al Hamilton, Chemical Business Manager.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 1:32 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:40 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel IV: *From the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario:* Elbert van Donkersgoed, Strategic Policy Advisor. *From the Toronto Food Policy Council:* Wayne Roberts, Project Co-ordinator. *From the Independent Ontario Hog Producers Association:* David Linton, Vice-Chair. *From the AGCare (Agricultural Groups Concerned About Resources and the Environment):* Mary Lou Garr, Chair. *From the Exeter Produce and Storage Company Ltd.:* Len Veri, President. *From the Ontario Wheat Producers' Marketing Board:* Ron Martin, Director - District 3. *From the Ontario Agri-Food Education Inc.:* Pamela Stanley, Zone 1 Director. *From the Ontario Soybean Growers:* Jim Gowland. *From the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority:* Tom B. Prout, General Manager/Secretary Treasurer. *As Individual:* Gerald Kolkman; Davis Bryans; David W. Smith; Steve Twynstra; Terry Laire.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 3:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary Sokolyk

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 55

Tuesday, March 12, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture

WITNESSES:

Round Table I

Creek County Regional Environmental Evaluation Ko-alition:

Don Chisholm, Representative.

Lennox and Addington Federation of Agriculture:

Iain Gardiner, President.

Ontario Federation of Agriculture:

Al Gardiner, Provincial Representative.

As Individuals:

Paul Burns;

Kevin Dick;

Ray Pender;

William Rendell.



Round Table II

Canadian Organic Sprout Company:

William Brown.

Ontario Federation of Agriculture:

John Williamson, Representative, Frontenac County.

Renfrew County Federation of Agriculture:

Bob Johnston.

United Food & Commercial Workers International Union:

Micheal Fraser, Director.

As Individuals:

Bob Dick;

John Hastings;

Barton MacLean;

Kevin MacLean;

Stan Raper;

George Thompson.

Round Table III

Albright Trade Corporation:

Gerry Albright.

Canadian Cattlemen's Association:

Jim Caldwell, Director, Government Affairs;

John Morrison, President.

Canadian Organic Growers:

Doug Parker, Representative, Prince Edward County Chapter.

Lennox and Addington Community Economic Development Coalition:

Larry Wannamaker.

National Farmers' Union:

Peter Dowling, Ontario Coordinator.

Ontario Cattlemen's Association:

Richard Kidd.

Seeds of Peace Roots of Justice:

Ormond Lee.

As Individuals:

Helen Forsey;

Harold Piercy.



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Meeting No. 55

Tuesday, March 12, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:33 a.m. this day, in the Royal Rex Catering Banquet Centre, Napanee, Ontario, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Researcher.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the committee resumed its study on the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture.

Witnesses: Panel I: From the Creek County Regional Environmental Evaluation Coalition: Don Chisholm. *From the Lennox and Addington Federation of Agriculture:* Iain Gardiner, President. *From the Ontario Federation of Agriculture:* Al Gardiner, Provincial Representative. *As Individual:* Paul Burns; Ray Pender; William Rendell; Kevin Dick.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 11:06 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:18 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II: *From the Canadian Organic Sprout Company:* William Brown; Dean Harvie. *From the United Food & Commercial Workers International Union:* Michael Fraser, Director. *From the Hastings County Dairy Producer:* George Thompson. *From the Ontario Federation of Agriculture:* John Williamson, Representative, Frontenac County. *From the Caravan Project:* Stan Raper. *As Individual:* John Hastings; Barton MacLean; Kevin MacLean; Bob Dick. *From the Renfrew County Federation of Agriculture:* Bob Johnston.

William Brown, Michael Fraser, George Thompson, John Williamson, John Hastings, Stan Raper, Barton MacLean, Kevin MacLean, Bob Dick and Bob Johnston each made a statement and, with Dean Harvie, answered questions.

At 1:04 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:20 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel III: *From the Seeds of Peace Roots of Justice:* Ormond Lee. *From the Canadian Cattlemen's Association:* John Morrison, President; Jim Caldwell, Director, Government Affairs, Government Affairs. *From the National Farmers' Union:* Peter Dowling, Ontario Coordinator. *From the Albright*

Trade Corporation: Gerry Albright, President. *From the Ontario Cattlemen's Association:* Richard Kidd. *From the Canadian Organic Growers:* Doug Parker, Representative of Prince Edward County Chapter. *As Individual:* Helen Forsey; Larry Wannamaker; Harold Piercy.

Ormond Lee, John Morrison, Peter Dowling, Gerry Albright, Richard Kidd, Doug Parker, Helen Forsey, Larry Wannamaker and Harold Piercy each made a statement and, with Jim Caldwell, answered questions.

At 3:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary Sokolyk

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 56

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture

WITNESSES:

Round Table I

"Coopérative fédérée de Québec":

Claude Lafleur, Secretary General;

Denis Richard.

"Union des producteurs agricoles du Québec":

Laurent Pellerin, President;

Yvon Proulx, Chief Economist, Research and Agricultural Policy Branch.

"Union des producteurs agricoles de Saint-Hyacinthe":

René Walaszczyk.

Round Table II

"Fédération d'agriculture biologique du Québec":

Pierre Gaudet.



“Fédération des producteurs d'agneaux et de moutons du Québec”:

Jean-François Samray, General Manager.

McGill University:

Marc Fortin, Chair, Department of Plant Science.

University of Montreal:

Raymond Roy, Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.



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Meeting No. 56

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 1:45 p.m. this day, in the Casavant Room of the Hotel des Seigneurs, Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Claude Duplain, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Paul Steckle.

Acting Member present: Odina Desrochers for Suzanne Tremblay.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Researcher.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the committee resumed consideration of its study on the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture.

At 1:50 p.m., Claude Duplain took the Chair.

Witnesses: Panel I: From the "Union des producteurs agricoles du Québec": Yvon Proulx, Chief Economist, Research and Agriculture Policy, District of Longueuil; Laurent Pellerin, President. *From the "Union des producteurs agricoles de Saint-Hyacinthe":* René Walaszczyk. *From the "Coopérative fédérée de Québec":* Denis Richard; Claude Lafleur, Secretary General.

Yvon Proulx, René Walaszczyk, Denis Richard each made a statement and, with Laurent Pellerin and Claude Lafleur, answered questions.

At 3:10 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:25 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II: *From the "Fédération d'agriculture biologique du Québec":* Pierre Gaudet. *From the University of Montreal:* Raymond Roy, Dean, Faculty of veterinary medicine. *From the McGill University:* Dr. Marc G. Fortin, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Plant Science. *From the "Fédération des producteurs d'agneaux et de moutons du Québec":* Jean-François Samray, General Manager.

The witnesses each made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie-Danielle Vachon

Committee Clerk

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Chair: Charles Hubbard, Lib.

Meeting No. 57

Thursday, March 14, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture

WITNESSES:

"Centre de référence en agriculture et agroalimentaire du Québec":

Ghislain Cloutier, Administrator.

"Coalition Urgence Rurale":

Adéodat St-Pierre, Vice-President.

"Fédération des producteurs de lait du Québec":

Marcel Groleau, First Vice-President.

"Institut de technologie agroalimentaire":

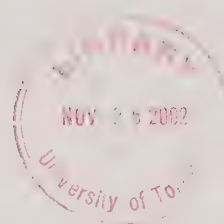
André Simard, General Manager.

Laval University:

Gaston St-Laurent, Faculty of Agriculture and Food Science.

"Société de la protection des forêts contre les insectes et maladies":

Gilles A. Trudel, Director General.



“Union des producteurs agricoles de la Côte-du-Sud”:

Louis Desjardins, President;

Johanne Laplante, Representative.

“Union des producteurs agricoles du Bas St-Laurent”:

Jean-Claude Parenteau, Representative.

“Union paysanne”:

Maxime Laplante, Secretary General.



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Meeting No. 57

Thursday, March 14, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:08 a.m. this day, in Montmagny, Quebec, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Claude Duplain, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Member present: Odina Desrochers for Suzanne Tremblay.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Researcher.

Witnesses: From the "Institut de technologie agroalimentaire": André Simard, General Manager. *From the "Centre de référence en agriculture et agroalimentaire du Québec":* Ghislain Cloutier. *From the "Union paysanne":* Maxime Laplante. *From the "Union des producteurs agricoles de la Côte-du-Sud":* Louis J. Desjardins, President; Johanne Laplante. *From the "Fédération des producteurs de lait du Québec":* Marcel Groleau, 1st Vice-President. *From Laval University:* Gaston St-Laurent, Faculty of Agriculture and Food Science. *From the "Coalition Urgence Rurale":* Adéodat St-Pierre. *From the "Union des producteurs agricoles du Bas St-Laurent":* Gilles Proulx; Jean-Claude Parenteau. *From the "Société de la protection des forêts contre les insectes et maladies":* Gilles Trudel.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the committee resumed its study of the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture.

Moved by Howard Hilstrom, seconded by Odina Desrochers,--That, in relation to its examination of the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture, eight (8) members of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food and the necessary staff be authorized to travel to Washington, D.C., for a period of three (3) days during the month of April, 2002.

The motion was agreed to.

Moved by Howard Hilstrom,--That the committee approve a budget of \$42,368 to cover the costs of this travel and that the Chair be instructed to request these funds from the Liaison Committee.

The motion was agreed to.

At 9:20 a.m., Claude Duplain took the Chair.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie-Danielle Vachon

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 58

Tuesday, March 19, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture

WITNESSES:

Agri-Futures Nova Scotia:

Charles Keddy, Chairman.

Chicken Farmers of Nova Scotia:

Paul Cook, Chair.

New Democratic Party of Nova Scotia:

John MacDonnell, Agriculture Critic.

Nova Scotia Agricultural College:

Bruce Gray, Vice-Principal, Academic.

Nova Scotia Agriculture and Fisheries Department:

Hon. Ernest Fage, Minister.

Nova Scotia Egg Producers:

Ralph DeLong, Chairman.



Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture:

Frazer M. Hunter, Chairman, Industry Planning Committee;

Laurence Nason, Chief Executive Officer.

As Individual:

Ed Belzer.



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Meeting No. 58

Tuesday, March 19, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:00 a.m. this day, in the Wentworth Centre Room of the Howard Johnson Hotel, Truro, Nova Scotia, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Member present: Odina Desrochers for Suzanne Tremblay.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Researcher.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture.

Witnesses: From the Nova Scotia Agriculture & Fisheries Department: The Hon. Ernest Fage, Minister.

The Minister made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:07 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:24 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel: *From the Chicken Farmers of Nova Scotia:* Paul Cook. *From the Nova Scotia Egg Producers:* Ralph DeLong, Chairman. *From the Nova Scotia Agricultural College:* Dr. Bruce Gray. *From the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture:* Fraser M. Hunter, Chairman of Industry Planning Committee; Lawrence Nason, Chief Executive Officer. *From the Agra-Futures:* Charles Keddy. *From the New Democratic Party of Nova Scotia:* John MacDonnell, Agriculture Critic. *From the As Individual:* Ed Belzer.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 11:52 a.m., the Vice-Chair, Howard Hilstrom, took the Chair.

At 11:59 a.m., the Chair, Charles Hubbard, took the Chair.

At 12:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 59

Wednesday, March 20, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture

WITNESSES:

Round Table I

Earth Action:

Sharon Labchuk, Spokesperson.

Prince Edward Island Wildlife Federation:

Daryl Guignon, Professor and President.

Seaspray Farms Organic Co-operative:

Gordon Carter, President;

Alfred Fyfe, Treasurer;

James Rodd, Member.

University of Prince Edward Island:

Timothy H. Ogilvie, Dean, Atlantic Veterinary College.



As Individuals:

Mannie Gallant;

Orville Lewis;

Ranald MacFarlane.

Round Table II

Atlantic Canadian Organic Regional Network:

Kevin Jeffrey, Director of Development.

Prince Edward Island Federation of Agriculture:

Doug LeClair, Executive Director;

Robert MacDonald, First Vice-President.

Prince Edward Island Institute of Agrologist:

Don Northcott.

Prince Edward Island Potato Board:

Vernon Campbell, Chairman;

Ivan Noonan, General Manager;

Brenda Simmons, Assistant General Manager.

As Individuals:

Stan Sandler;

Ron Flynn.



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Meeting No. 59

Wednesday, March 20, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:03 a.m. this day, in the Empire Room of The Loyalist Country Inn in Summerside, P.E.I., the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Member present: Odina Desrochers for Suzanne Tremblay.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Researcher.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture.

Witnesses: Panel I: From the Prince Edward Island Wildlife Federation: Daryl Guignon. *From the University of Prince Edward Island:* Timothy Ogilvie, Dean, Atlantic Veterinary College. *From the Earth Action:* Sharon Labchuk. *As Individual:* Mannie Galant; Orville Lewis; Ranald MacFarlane. *From the Seaspray Farms Organic Cooperative:* Gordon Carter; Alfred Fyfe; James Rodd.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 11:12 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:23 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II: *From the Prince Edward Island Institute of Agrologist:* Don Northcott. *From the Prince Edward Island Federation of Agriculture:* Robert MacDonald, First Vice-President; Doug LeClair, Executive Director. *From the Atlantic Canadian Organic Regional Network:* Kevin Jeffrey, Director of Development. *From the Prince Edward Island Potato Board:* Vernon Campbell, Chairman; Ivan Noonan, General Manager; Brenda Simmons, Assistant General Manager. *From the As Individual:* Ron Flynn; Stan Sandler.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:21 p.m., Howard Hilstrom, Vice-Chair, took the Chair.

At 12:48 p.m., Charles Hubbard, Chair, took the Chair.

At 1:17 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 60

Thursday, March 21, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture

WITNESSES:

Round Table I

City of Miramichi:

Rupert Bernard, Mayor.

Dairy Farmers of New Brunswick:

Reginald Perry, Representative;

Robert Speer, Chairman.

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture of New Brunswick:

Clair Gartley, Assistant Deputy Minister, Agriculture Development and Innovation
Division;

Hon. Rodney Weston, Minister.

New Brunswick Federation of Agriculture:

Joe Brennan, President;

Hannah Searle, Representative.



New Brunswick Partners in Agriculture:

Betty Brown, President.

New Brunswick Soil and Crop Improvement Association:

Ben Baldwin, Director.

Northumberland Co-operative Limited:

Ram Aneja, Representative;

Jack Christie, General Manager;

Percy Scott, President.

Potatoes New Brunswick:

Patton MacDonald, Executive Director.

Ste-Marie-de-Kent Farmers' Association:

Larry Jewett, Representative.

Round Table II

"Fédération des agriculteurs et agricultrices francophones du Nouveau-Brunswick":

Roger Richard.

4-H Club of New Brunswick:

Velna Dickson, Assistant, Organizational Leader, Napan.

As Individuals:

Ben Baldwin;

Denis Belliveau;

Hans Bouma;

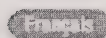
Robert Bremner;

Jerry Cook;

Neil Gardner;

Inka Milewski;

John Schenkels.



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Meeting No. 60

Thursday, March 21, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Miramichi, New Brunswick, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Researcher.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture.

Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture of New Brunswick: The Hon. Rodney Weston, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture; Maurice J. Bernier, Deputy Minister; Clair Gartley, Assistant Deputy Minister, Agriculture Development and Innovation Division.

The Minister made a statement and with Maurice Bernier and Clair Gartley, answered questions.

At 9:56 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:00 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel I: *From the Dairy Farmers of New Brunswick:* Reginald Perry; Robert Speer. *From the New Brunswick Partners in Agriculture:* Betty Brown, President. *From the New Brunswick Federation of Agriculture:* Joe Brennan, President; Hannah Searle. *From the New Brunswick Soil & Crop Improvement Association:* Ben Baldwin, Director. *From the Northumberland Co-operative Dairy Limited:* Jack Christie, General Manager; Percy Scott; Dr. Ram Aneja; Glenford Copp. *From the Ste-Marie de Kent Farmers Association:* Larry Jewett. *From the New Brunswick Potatoes:* Patton MacDonald, Executive Director.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 11:48 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:00 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II: *From the "Fédération des agriculteurs et agricultrices francophones du Nouveau-Brunswick":* Roger Richard. *As Individual:* Jerry Cook; Neil Gardner; Denis Belliveau; Robert Bremner; Hans Bouma; John Schenkels; Helen MacDiarmid; Ben Baldwin. *From the 4-H Club of New Brunswick:* Velna Dickson, Assistant Organisational Leader of Napan 4-H Club. *From the Conservation Council of New Brunswick:* Inka Milewski, President.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 1:43 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 61

Thursday, April 11, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture

WITNESSES:

Round Table I

Dairy Producers of Newfoundland:

Martin Hammond, Executive Director.

Government of Newfoundland and Labrador:

Martin Howlett, Associate Deputy Minister, Department of Forest Resources and Agrifoods;

Ed O'Reilly, Director of Agrifood Policy, Department of Forest Resources and Agrifoods.

Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture:

Eugene Legge, President;

Mervin Wiseman, First Vice-President.

As Individual:

Raymond Williams.



Round Table II

"Union des cultivateurs franco-ontariens":

Pierre Bercier;

Alain Delorme, President;

Philippe Henrard;

Robert Perras;

Alain St-Denis.



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Meeting No. 61

Thursday, April 11, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:07 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Member present: Odina Desrochers for Suzanne Tremblay.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Senior Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture.

Witnesses: Panel I: From the Department of Forest Resources and Agrifoods: Martin Howlett, Associate Deputy Minister; Ed O'Reilly, Director. *From the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture:* Eugene Legge, President; Mervin Wiseman, First Vice-President. *From the Dairy Producers of Newfoundland:* Martin Hammond. *From the As Individual:* Raymond Williams.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

Panel II: *From "l'Union des cultivateurs franco-ontariens":* Alain Delorme, President; Pierre Bercier; Alain St-Denis; Robert Perras; Philippe Henrard.

At 11:17 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:29 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Charles Hubbard, Lib.

Meeting No. 62

Tuesday, April 23, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture

WITNESSES:

Canada Customs and Revenue Agency:

Phil Jolie, Coordinator, Manufacturing and Service Industries, Industry Specialist Services;
Bill MacGregor, Agriculture Specialist, Industry Specialist Services, Compliance Programs
Branch.

Department of Finance Canada:

Len Farber, General Director, Legislation, Tax Policy Branch;
Kerry Harnish, Senior Tax Policy Officer, Business, Property and Personal Income, Tax
Legislation Division;
Randall Meades, Chief, Employment and Investment, Personal Income Tax Division, Tax
Policy Branch;
Marc Rhéaume, Tax Policy Officer, Sales Tax Division, Tax Policy Branch.



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Meeting No. 62

Tuesday, April 23, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Member present: Odina Desrochers for Suzanne Tremblay.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal Analyst and Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

Witnesses: From the Department of Finance: Len Farber, General Director, Legislation, Tax Policy Branch; Kerry Harnish, Senior Tax Policy Officer, Business, Property and Personal Income, Tax Legislation Division, Tax Policy Branch; Randall Meades, Chief, Employment and Investment, Personal Income Tax Division, Tax Policy Branch; Marc Rhéaume, Tax Policy Officer, Sales Tax Division, Tax Policy Branch. *From the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency:* Phil Jolie, Coordinator, Manufacturing and Service Industries, Industry Specialist Services, Compliance Programs Branch; Bill MacGregor, Agriculture Specialist, Industry Specialist Services, Compliance Programs Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture.

Mr. Len Farber made an opening statement and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:58 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 63

Thursday, April 25, 2002

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Meeting No. 63

Thursday, April 25, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Claude Duplain, Marcel Gagnon, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Member present: Rob Merrifield for David L. Anderson.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceed to the consideration of a draft report on the issue of the Registration of Pesticides and the Competitiveness of Canadian Farmers.

At 10:56 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 64

Tuesday, April 30, 2002

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study on the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture

Study on the Registration of Pesticides and the Competitiveness of Canadian Farmers

Consideration of a draft report

WITNESSES:

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:

Yaprak Baltacioglu, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy;

Mark Corey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch;

Douglas Hedley, Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial Programs Branch;

Rory McAlpine, Acting Director General, International Trade Policy Directorate, Market
and Industry Services Branch;

Howard Migie, Director General, Adaptation and Grain Policy Directorate;

Bob Wettlaufer, Acting Director General, Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration.

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Meeting No. 64

Tuesday, April 30, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:07 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Claude Duplain, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Rick Laliberte, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Wayne Easter for Mark Eyking and Odina Desrochers for Suzanne Tremblay.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture.

Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Yaprak Baltacioglu, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch; Douglas Hedley, Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial Programs Branch; Mark Corey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch; Bob Wettlaufer, Acting Director General, Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration; Simon Kennedy, Director General, Policy Planning and Integration, Strategic Policy Branch; Rory McAlpine, Acting Director General, International Trade Policy, Market and Industry Services Branch; Howard Migie, Director General, Marketing Policy, Strategic Policy Branch.

The witnesses answered questions.

At 10:42 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:45 a.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

The Committee resumed its consideration of a draft report on the issue of the Registration of Pesticides and the Competitiveness of Canadian Farmers.

It was agreed,-That the Draft Report (as amended) be concurred in.

Ordered,-That the Chair present the Report (as amended) to the House at the earliest possible opportunity.

It was agreed,-That the Chair, Researchers, and Clerk be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

It was agreed,-That pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request the Government to table a

comprehensive response to the Report.

It was agreed,-That a News Release be issued.

At 11:03 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville
Clerk of the Committee

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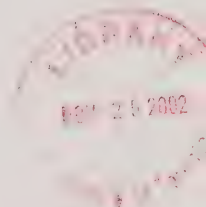
Wednesday, May 1st, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the marketing of wheat and barley

APPEARING:

Hon. Ralph Goodale, Minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board





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Meeting No. 65

Wednesday, May 1st, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 12:30 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Claude Duplain, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Rick Laliberte et Dick Proctor.

Acting Member present: Odina Desrochers for Suzanne Tremblay.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), Consideration of the Marketing of Wheat and Barley.

Appearing: The Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board.

Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Howard Migie, Director General, Marketing Policy, Strategic Policy Branch; Rory McAlpine, Acting Director General, International Trade Policy Directorate, Market and Industry Services Branch.

Minister Ralph Goodale made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 1:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 66

Tuesday, May 21, 2002

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Meeting No. 66

Tuesday, May 21, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 9:15 a.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Claude Duplain, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Odina Desrochers for Suzanne Tremblay and Rick Casson for Garry Breitkreuz.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal and Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

It was agreed,-- That the Committee approve the payment of \$99.80 (5 books on Parliament Building-Malak-at \$19.96 each) for the gifts offered to the members of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee of the National People's Congress of China on May 8, 2002.

It was agreed,-- That the Canadian Wheat Board appear on June 6, 2002 to give a Briefing Session.

It was agreed,-- That the appearance of Minister Lyle Vanciel on Main Estimates be held prior to May 31, 2002 and be televised.

It was agreed,-- That in relation to the new U.S. Farm Bill and other International Trade Issues, a group comprised of 4 Government members and one member of each of the Opposition parties of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food be authorized to travel to Washington, D.C., during the week of June 3, 2002, and that the necessary staff do accompany the Committee.

It was agreed,-- That the Committee approve a budget of \$50,012.00 to cover the costs of this travel and that the Chair be instructed to request these funds from the Liaison Committee.

At 10:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 67

Thursday, May 23, 2002

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Meeting No. 67

Thursday, May 23, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 8:49 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Claude Duplain, Marcel Gagnon, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Rick Laliberte, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller and Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal and Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

The Committee resumed its consideration of a draft report on the Labelling of Genetically Modified Food.

At 10:15 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville
Clerk of the Committee

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Tuesday, May 28, 2002

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Meeting No. 68

Tuesday, May 28, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 9:20 a.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Mark Eyking, Marcel Gagnon, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Rick Laliberte, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller and Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal and Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

The Committee resumed its consideration of a draft report on the Labelling of Genetically Modified Food.

It was agreed,-- That the draft report (as amended) be adopted.

It was ordered,-- That the Chair present the Report (as amended) to the House at the earliest possible opportunity.

It was agreed,-- That the Chair, Researchers and Clerk be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed,-- That pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request the Government to table a comprehensive response to the Report.

It was agreed,-- That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(1), the Committee authorize the printing of the supplementary or dissenting opinions as an appendix to this report immediately after the signature of the Chair; that the supplementary opinions be limited to no more than 2 pages; (font = Arial 12; line spacing = 1); and, that the supplementary opinions be submitted electronically to the Clerk of the Committee in both official languages, no later than 4 o'clock p.m. on May 30, 2002.

It was agreed,-- That a News Release be issued.

At 10:47 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville
Clerk of the Committee

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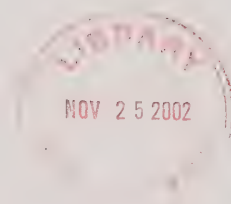
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Chair: Charles Hubbard, Lib.

Meeting No. 69

Wednesday, May 29, 2002

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Meeting No. 69

Wednesday, May 29, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 306, West Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Murray Calder, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Lynne Lelich for Garry Breitkreuz and Odina Desrochers for Suzanne Tremblay.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal and Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to the consideration of a draft report on the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture.

At 4:15 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:26 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 5:41 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Charles Hubbard, Lib.

Meeting No. 70

Thursday, May 30, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the Main Estimates 2002-2003: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 under
Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food

APPEARING:

Hon. Lyle Vanclief, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

WITNESS:

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Ron Doering, President.

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Thursday, May 30, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met in a televised session at 12:19 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: John O'Reilly for Larry McCormick and Odina Desrochers for Suzanne Tremblay.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), Main Estimates 2002-2003: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 under Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

Appearing: The Honourable Lyle Vancief, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Samy Watson, Deputy Minister; Diane Vincent, Associate Deputy Minister; Bruce Deacon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management Branch. *From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Ron Doering, President; Dr. André Gravel, Executive Vice-President.

The Honourable Lyle Vancief made opening remarks and, with Ron Doering, answered questions.

At 1:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 71

Thursday, May 30, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the Main Estimates 2002-2003: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 under
Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food

WITNESSES:

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Bob Carberry, Vice-President of Programs;

André Gravel, Executive Vice-President;

John Jones, Comptroller.

Canadian Grain Commission:

Gord Pugh, Director General, National Affairs.

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Yaprak Baltacioglu, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch;

Mark Corey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch;

Bruce Deacon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management Branch;

Gordon Dorrell, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Research Branch;

Douglas Hedley, Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial Programs Branch;



Michael Keenan, Director General, Research and Analysis Directorate, Strategic Policy Branch;

Howard Migie, Director General, Marketing Policy, Strategic Policy Branch;

Tom Richardson, Director General, Farm Income and Adaptation Policy, Strategic Policy Branch;

Suzanne Vinet, Chief Agriculture Negotiator, International Trade Policy Directorate, Market and Industry Services Branch;

Bob Wettlaufer, Acting Director General, Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration.



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Meeting No. 71

Thursday, May 30, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met in a televised session at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard and Dick Proctor.

Acting Members present: Paul Macklin for Murray Calder and Odina Desrochers for Suzanne Tremblay.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), Main Estimates 2002-2003: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 under Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Bruce Deacon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management Branch; Yaprak Baltacioglu, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch; Douglas Hedley, Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial Programs Branch; Mark Corey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch; Dr. Gordon Dorrell, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Research Branch; Michael Keenan, Director General, Research and Analysis Directorate, Strategic Policy Branch; Howard Migie, Director General, Marketing Policy Directorate, Strategic Policy Branch; Tom Richardson, Director General, Farm Income and Adaptation Policy Directorate, Strategic Policy Branch; Bob Wettlaufer, Acting Director General, Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration; Suzanne Vinet, Chief Agriculture Negotiator, International Trade Policy Directorate, Market and Industry Services Branch. *From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Dr. André Gravel, Executive Vice-President; John Jones, Comptroller; Robert Carberry, Vice-President of Programs. *From the Canadian Grain Commission:* Gordon Pugh, Director, National Affairs.

Bruce Deacon made an opening statement and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville
Clerk of the Committee

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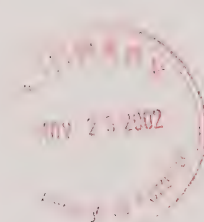
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Meeting No. 72

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

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Meeting No. 72

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 9:13 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Murray Calder, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Member present: Odina Desrochers for Suzanne Tremblay.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal and Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), Study on the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report on the issue of the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture.

At 11:01 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville

Clerk(s) of the Committee

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Meeting No. 73

Thursday, June 6, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Briefing session with the Canadian Wheat Board

WITNESSES:

Canadian Wheat Board:

John Clair, Director;

Rod Flaman, Director;

Wilfred Harder, Director;

Ken Ritter, Chair of the Board of Directors;

Jim Thompson, Senior Marketing Manager.





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Meeting No. 73

Thursday, June 6, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:09 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Mark Eyking, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Rick Laliberte, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Rick Casson for Garry Breitkreuz and Odina Desrochers for Suzanne Tremblay.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), Briefing Session with the Canadian Wheat Board.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Wheat Board: Ken Ritter, Chair, Board of Directors; John Clair, Director; Rod Flaman, Director; Wilfred Harder, Director; Jim Thompson, Senior Marketing Manager for domestic and U.S. sales.

Ken Ritter made opening remarks and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:29 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:33 a.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report on the issue of the Future Role of the Government in Agriculture.

It was agreed,-- That the draft report (as amended) be adopted.

It was agreed,-- That the Chair present the report (as amended) to the House at the earliest possible opportunity.

It was agreed,-- That the Chair, Researchers and Clerk be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed,-- That pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request the Government to table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed,-- That a News Release be issued.

At 10:48 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Suzanne Verville
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 1

Monday, November 4, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs



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Meeting No. 1

Monday, November 4, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block for the purpose of electing a Chair pursuant to Standing Orders 106(1) and (2).

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Rick Laliberte, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Visiting Members present: Rob Merrifield for Garry Breitkreuz, Benoît Sauvageau for Louis Plamondon and Suzanne Tremblay for Marcel Gagnon.

Other Member present: Ovid Jackson.

Attendance: From the Committees Directorate: Eugene Morawski, Procedural Clerk.

Attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal and Frédéric Gerge, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(1) and (2): Election of a Chair and two Vice-Chairs.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Rick Laliberte, it was agreed,- That Charles Hubbard be elected as Chair of the Committee.

Charles Hubbard took the Chair.

On motion of Claude Duplain, it was agreed,- That Murray Calder be elected as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Bob Merrifield moved,- That Howard Hilstrom be elected as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Suzanne Tremblay moved,- That Louis Plamondon be elected as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

By unanimous consent, the Committee proceeded to the election of the Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee by secret ballot.

Accordingly, Howard Hilstrom was elected as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

By unanimous consent, at 4:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 2

Thursday, November 7, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Routine Motions



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Meeting No. 2

Thursday, November 7, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Louis Plamondon, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Member present: Joe Fontana for Rick Laliberte.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal and Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to the consideration of Routine Motions.

Rick Borotsik moved,- That the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs, the Parliamentary Secretary and a representative of the Canadian Alliance, the Bloc Québécois, the New Democratic Party and the Progressive Conservative Party, do compose the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed,- That the Committee retain the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed,- That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence and public evidence when a quorum is not present provided that at least five (5) members are present including a member of the Opposition.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed,- That, if requested, a reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses not exceeding two (2) representatives per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be at the discretion of the Chair.

Dick Proctor moved,- That witnesses be given up to ten (10) minutes for their opening statement; that at the discretion of the Chair, during the questioning of the witnesses, there be allocated seven (7) minutes for the first questioner of each party; and that thereafter five (5) minutes be allocated to each subsequent questioner (alternating between Government and Opposition parties).

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed,- That except for amendments to bills, 48 hours' notice be given

before any substantive motion is considered by the Committee; and,

That the motion be filed with the Clerk of the Committee and circulated to members in both official languages. Upon receipt of the notice, the Clerk shall put the motion on the agenda of the Committee's next meeting.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed,- That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Committee documents only when they exist in both official languages.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed,- That one copy of the transcript of all *In Camera* meetings be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed,- That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide for working meals for the Committee (and its Sub-Committee).

By unanimous consent, it was agreed,- That the Committee proceed to sit *In Camera* for the consideration of its future business.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed,- That the Committee consider the Government Response tabled on October 4, 2002, to the Committee's Third Report (Registration of Pesticides and the Competitiveness of Canadian Farmers) of the 1st Session, 37th Parliament.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed,- That the Committee consider the Government Response tabled on November 8, 2002, to the Committee's Fifth Report (*The Future Role of the Government in Agriculture*) of the 1st Session, 37th Parliament.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed,- That the Committee study the occurrence of tuberculosis in the elk and deer herds in Riding Mountain National Park, Manitoba.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed,- That the Committee study the impact of the Kyoto Protocol on agriculture in Canada.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed,- That the Committee examine Agriculture Canada's Agricultural Policy Framework (APF) and that the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food and other witnesses be requested to appear before the Committee.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed,- That the Chair forward a letter concerning the financing of veterinary colleges in Canada to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed,- That members submit to the Clerk, suggestions for witnesses to be called for the Committee's studies agreed to today, by Tuesday, November 12, 2002.

At 10:15 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, November 19, 2002

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Future business

Consideration of the Third Report of the Committee (*Registration of Pesticides and the Competitiveness of Canadian Farmers*) of the 1st Session, 37th Parliament

WITNESSES:

Canadian Horticultural Council:

Dean Thomson, Chair, Crop, Plant Protection and Environment Committee.

Pest Management Regulatory Agency:

Janice Hopkins, Director, Alternative Strategies and Regulatory Affairs Division.



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Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, November 19, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitzkreuz, Murray Calder, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal and Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Horticultural Council: Dean Thomson, Chairman, Crop, Plant Protection and Environment Committee. *From the Pest Management Regulatory Agency:* Janice Hopkins, Director, Alternative Strategies and Regulatory Affairs Division; Dr. Imme Gerke, Minor Use Advisor.

The Committee proceeded to discuss its future business.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed,- That the Honourable Lyle Vanclief, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, appear before the Committee on November 28, 2002 at 08:30 a.m.

Pursuant to the Standing Order 108(2), The Committee proceeded to the consideration of the Government Response to the Third Report of the Committee (*Registration of Pesticides and the Competitiveness of Canadian Farmers*) of the 1st Session, 37th Parliament.

Dean Thomson made an opening statement and answered questions.

David L. Anderson moved,- That the Committee decline to hear the PMRA presentation regarding the Government Response to its Third Report until such time as Dr. Claire Franklin, Executive Director of PMRA appear before the Committee and that the Chair of the Committee expedite the Director's appearance.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

At 10:10 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 4

Thursday, November 21, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Information session concerning the occurrence of tuberculosis in the elk and deer herds in Riding Mountain National Park in Manitoba

WITNESSES:

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Sarah Kahn, Director, Animal Health and Production Division; Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer.

Parks Canada Agency:

Greg Fenton, Field Unit Superintendant, Riding Mountain National Park;

Mike Wong, Executive Director, Ecological Integrity.

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Meeting No. 4

Thursday, November 21, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Claude Laplante, Marcel Gagnon, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Louis Plamondon, Dick Proctor and Rose-Marie Ur.

Guesting Members present: Inky Mark for Rick Borotsik and Suzanne Tremblay for Louis Plamondon.

Attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Business: From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Sarah Kahn, Director, Animal Health and Production Division. From the Parks Canada Agency: Greg Fenton, Field Unit Superintendent, Riding Mountain National Park; Mike Wong, Executive Director, Ecological Integrity.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), Information Session concerning the occurrence of tuberculosis in the elk and deer herds in Riding Mountain National Park, Manitoba.

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, November 26, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the impact of the Kyoto Protocol on the agriculture sector

WITNESSES:

Canadian Federation of Agriculture:

Nicole Howe, Policy Analyst;

Weldon Newton, Committee Member; President, Keystone Agricultural Producers.

Canadian Fertilizer Institute:

David Finlayson, Director, Technical Affairs;

Roger Larson, President.

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Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, November 26, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:00 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Murray Calder, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Howard Hilstrom, Larry McCormick, Louis Plamondon, Dick Proctor and Rose-Marie Ur.

attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal and Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Fertilizer Institute: Roger L. Larson, President; David M. Finlayson, Director, Technical Affairs. *From the Canadian Federation of Agriculture:* Weldon Newton, Canadian Federation of Agriculture Committee Member, President, Keystone Agricultural Producers; Nicole Howe, Policy Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the impact of the Kyoto Protocol on the agricultural sector.

Roger R. Larson from the Canadian Fertilizer Institute and Weldon Newton from the Canadian Federation of Agriculture made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:45 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 6

Thursday, November 28, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Briefing session on the Agricultural Policy Framework

APPEARING:

Hon. Lyle Vanclief, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food



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Meeting No. 6

Thursday, November 28, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met in a televised session at 8:30 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Murray Calder, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Louis Plamondon, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Other Member present: Kevin Sorenson.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Appearing: The Hon. Lyle Vanclief, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Samy Watson, Deputy Minister; André Gravel, Executive Vice-President, Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced consideration of the Agricultural Policy Framework

The Minister made a statement and answered questions.

At 9:45 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, December 3, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the impact of the Kyoto Protocol on the agricultural sector

WITNESSES:

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:

Michele Brenning, Director, Environment Bureau;

Gordon Dorrell, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister;

Wayne Lindwall, National Program Leader, Environmental Health.

Environment Canada:

Norine Smith, Assistant Deputy Minister.

Natural Resources Canada:

Tony Taylor, Director, Transportation Energy.



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Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, December 3, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Louis Plamondon, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Member present: David Chatters for Gary Breitzkreuz.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

Witnesses: From the Department of the Environment: Norine Smith, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Communications. *From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:* Gordon Dorrell, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Research Branch; Michele Brenning, Director, Environment Bureau, Strategic Policy; Wayne Lindwall, National Program Leader, Environmental Health. *From the Department of Natural Resources:* Tony Taylor, Director, Transportation Energy.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the impact of the Kyoto Protocol on the agricultural sector.

Norine Smith from the Department of the Environment and Gordon Dorrell from the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food made opening statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 8

Thursday, December 5, 2002

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the Committee's draft budgets

Study of the impact of the Kyoto Protocol on the agricultural sector

WITNESSES:

Canadian Cattlemen's Association:

Bill Stewart, Co-Chair, Environment and Animal Care Committee;

Peggy Strankman, Manager, Environmental Affairs.

Grain Growers of Canada:

Don Kenny, Member, Executive Committee, Board of Directors;

Don McCabe, Chairman, Environment Committee.

Ontario Corn Producers' Association:

Dennis Jack, President.

Soil and Water Conservation Society:

James Bruce, Canadian Policy Representative.



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Meeting No. 8

Thursday, December 5, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Member present: Yvan Loubier for Marcel Gagnon.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Cattlemen's Association: Bill Stewart, Co-Chair, Environment / Animal Care Committee; Peggy Strankman, Manager, Environmental Affairs. *From the Ontario Corn Producers' Association:* Dennis Jack, President. *From the Grain Growers of Canada:* Don McCabe, Chairman, Environment Committee; Don Kenny, Member, Executive Committee, Board of Directors. *From the Soil and Water Conservation Society:* James P. Bruce, Canadian Policy Representative.

The Committee considered their draft budgets.

By unanimous consent, after debate, it was agreed,- That the proposed operational budget of the Committee in the amount of \$33,200.00 be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

By unanimous consent, after debate, it was agreed,- That the proposed operational budget of the Committee in the amount of \$26,400.00 be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the impact of the Kyoto Protocol on the agricultural sector.

Bill Stewart from the Canadian Cattlemen's Association, Dennis Jack from the Ontario Corn Producers' Association, Don McCabe from the Grain Growers of Canada and James P. Bruce from the Soil and Water Conservation Society made opening statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:58 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, December 10, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Briefing Session on the status of the Agricultural Policy Framework

WITNESSES:

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Michele Brenning, Director, Environment Bureau,
Mark Corey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch;
Bruce Deacon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management Branch;
Douglas Hedley, Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial Programs Branch;
Simon Kennedy, Director General, Policy Planning and Integration;
Rory McAlpine, Chief Agriculture Negotiator, International Trade Policy Directorate;
Howard Migie, Director General, Marketing Policy Directorate;
Tom Richardson, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch;
Paul Schubert, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Communications Branch.



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Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, December 10, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Howard Hilstrom, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Louis Plamondon, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal and Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Mark Corey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch; Bruce Deacon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management Branch; Douglas Hedley, Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial Programs Branch; Tom Richardson, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch; Paul Schubert, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Communications Branch; Simon Kennedy, Director General, Policy Planning and Integration, Strategic Policy Branch; Howard Migie, Director General, Marketing Policy Directorate, Strategic Policy Branch; Michele Brenning, Director, Environment Bureau, Strategic Policy Branch; Rory McAlpine, Chief Agriculture Negotiator, International Trade Policy Directorate, Market and Industry Services Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), Briefing Session on the status of the Agricultural Policy Framework.

Tom Richardson from the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, December 10, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the Government Response to the Third Report of the Committee (*Registration of Pesticides and the Competitiveness of Canadian Farmers*) of the first Session, 37th Parliament

WITNESSES:

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Mary Komarynsky (Director General, Adaptation and Financial Guarantee Programs.

Pest Management Regulatory Agency:

Claire Franklin, Executive Director;

Imme Gerke, Minor Use Advisor.



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Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, December 10, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 4:02 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Mark Eyking, Charles Hubbard, Rick Laliberte, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: From the Pest Management Regulatory Agency: Claire Franklin, Executive Director; Imme Gerke, Minor Use Advisor. *From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:* Mary Komarynsky, Director General, Adaptation & Financial Guarantee Programs, Farm Financial Programs Branch; Yvon Martel, Chief Scientist, Research Planning and Coordination.

Pursuant to the Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its consideration of the Government Response to the Third Report of the Committee (*Registration of Pesticides and the Competitiveness of Canadian Farmers*) of the 1st Session, 37th Parliament.

Claire Franklin and Imme Gerke from the Pest Management Regulatory Agency and Mary Komarynsky from the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food made opening statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 5:22 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Charles Hubbard, Lib.

Meeting No. 11

Thursday, December 12, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the impact of the Kyoto Protocol on the agricultural sector

WITNESSES:

"Ordre des agronomes du Québec":

Claire Bolduc, President;

Marco Morin, President, Outaouais Division.

The University of Western Ontario:

Gordon McBean, Professor and Research Chair in Policy, Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction.

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Meeting No. 11

Thursday, December 12, 2002

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:08 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Charles Hubbard, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Murray Calder, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Charles Hubbard, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Guest Member present: Yvan Loubier for Louis Plamondon.

Attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: From the "Ordre des agronomes du Québec": Claire Bolduc, President; Marco Morin, President, Outaouais Division. *From the Canadian Foundation for Climate and Atmospheric Sciences:* Gordon McBean, Chair, Board of Trustees; Dawn Conway, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the impact of the Kyoto Protocol on the agricultural sector

Claire Bolduc and Marco Morin from « l'Ordre des agronomes du Québec » and Gordon McBean from the Canadian Foundation for Climate and Atmospheric Sciences made opening statements and answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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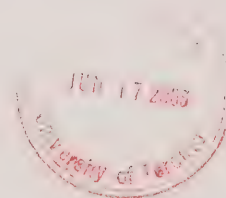
Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, February 4, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Election of a Chair and one Vice-Chair





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Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, February 4, 2003

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:00 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair and Vice-Chair pursuant to Standing Orders 106(1) and (2).

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Gérard Binet, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Marcel Gagnon, Howard Hilstrom, Rick Laliberte, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Brenda Chamberlain for Larry McCormick, John Maloney for John O'Reilly and Suzanne Tremblay for Louis Plamondon.

In attendance: From the Committees Directorate: Jose Cadorette, Procedural Clerk

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal and Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(1) and (2): Election of a Chair and one Vice-Chair, (government).

The clerk of the committee presided over the elections.

On motion of Suzanne Tremblay, it was agreed, - That Paul Steckle be elected as Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Rick Borotsik, it was agreed, - That Rose-Marie Ur be elected as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Paul Steckle took the Chair.

At 11:25 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 13

Thursday, February 6, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the Agricultural Policy Framework: the long-term effects of the new NISA (Net Income Stabilization Account)

WITNESSES:

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Simon Kennedy (Director General, Policy Planning and Integration, Strategic Policy Branch;

Rory McAlpine (Chief Agriculture Negotiator, International Trade Policy Directorate, Market and Industry Services Branch;

Tom Richardson, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch.



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Meeting No. 13

Thursday, February 6, 2003

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 12:07 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gérard Binet, Rick Borotsik, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Marcel Gagnon, Howard Hilstrom, John Maloney, Larry McCormick, Louis Plamondon, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle, and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Member present: Carol Skelton for David Anderson.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, researcher.

Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Tom Richardson, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch; Simon Kennedy, Director General, Policy Planning and Integration, Strategic Policy Branch; Rory McAlpine, Chief Agriculture Negotiator, International Trade Policy Directorate, Market and Industry Services Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consideration of the Agricultural Policy Framework: the long-term effects of the new NISA (Net Income Stabilization Account).

Tom Richardson and Simon Kennedy made opening statements and with the other witness, answered questions.

The Chair presented the First Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, which read as follows:

“Your Subcommittee recommends that the Committee adopt the following programme:

That the Committee invite officials of the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food to appear before the Committee on February 6, 2003, concerning the Agricultural Policy Framework and the long-term effects of the new NISA.

That the Committee invite representatives from the Manitoba Cattle Producers Association and other witnesses to appear before the Committee on February 11, 2003, concerning the occurrence of tuberculosis in the elk and deer herds in Riding Mountain National Park, Manitoba.

That the Committee invite representatives of the Dairy Farmers of Canada and officials from the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food and the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade on February 13, 2003, concerning the WTO decision on the Canadian dairy export policy.

That the Committee invite the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food on February 18, 2003, concerning the Agricultural Policy Framework and the long-term effects of the new NISA.

That the Committee invite representatives from Grain Growers of Canada, the CFA, the Canadian Cattlemen's Association, the "Union des producteurs agricoles du Québec" and the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food of Quebec, on February 20, 2003, concerning the Agricultural Policy Framework.

That the Committee invite representatives from the CFIA on February 25, 2003, concerning meat inspection codes for interprovincial trade and regulations regarding feed for farmed game animals.

That the Committee consider a draft report on the occurrence of tuberculosis in the elk and deer herds in Manitoba and that the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure consider the future business of the Committee on February 27, 2003."

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That the First Report of the Subcommittee be concurred in.

At 2:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Consideration of their draft reports

Study of the occurrence of tuberculosis in the elk and deer herds in Riding Mountain National Park, Manitoba

WITNESSES:

Department of Agriculture and Food of Manitoba:

Allan Preston, Doctor; Director, Veterinary Services.

Manitoba Cattle Producers Association:

Garth Routledge, Past President.

As Individual:

John Whitaker.

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Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Gérard Binet, Rick Borotsik, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Marcel Gagnon, Howard Hilstrom, John Maloney, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Guesting Member present: Carol Skelton for Gary Breitkreuz.

Attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Analyst and Jean-Luc Bourdages, Analyst.

Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Food of Manitoba: Dr. Allan Preston, Director, Veterinary Services. From the Manitoba Cattle Producers Association: Garth Routledge. As Individuals: John Whitaker; Ray Armbruster.

The Committee considered their draft budgets.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That the proposed operational budget of the Committee in the amount of \$700.00 be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That the proposed operational budget of the Committee in the amount of \$3,200.00 be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the occurrence of tuberculosis in the elk and other herds in Riding Mountain National Park, Manitoba.

Allan Preston, Garth Routledge, John Whitaker and Ray Armbruster made opening statements and answered questions.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette

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Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 15

Thursday, February 13, 2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the World Trade Organization decision on the Canadian dairy export policy

WITNESSES:

Dairy Farmers of Canada:

Rick Phillips, Director of Policy and Government Relations;

David Wilson, Legal Counsel.



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Meeting No. 15

Thursday, February 13, 2003

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Gérard Binet, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitzkreuz, Claude Duplain, Howard Hilstrom, John Maloney, Louis Plamondon, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Paul Macklin for Rick Laliberté and Hélène Scherrer for Bob Speller.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, analyst.

Witnesses: From the Dairy Farmers of Canada: Rick Phillips, Director of Policy and Government Relations; David Wilson, Legal Counsel.

Rick Phillips, from the Dairy Farmers of Canada made an opening statement and with the other witness, answered questions.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced consideration of the World Trade Organization decision on the Canadian dairy export policy.

At 12:35 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:40 p.m., the sitting resumed.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That the budgets adopted on February 11, 2003 be amended as follows:

“That the proposed operational budget of the Committee in the amount of \$11,900.00 be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee”

“That the proposed operational budget of the Committee in the amount of \$20,100.00 be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee”.

By unanimous consent, Howard Hilstrom moved, - That this Committee invite the Minister of Heritage to appear before the Committee on February 27, 2003, to discuss the plan that Parks Canada has committed itself to pertaining to the outbreak and subsequent spread of tuberculosis from the Riding Mountain National Park elk herd to the domestic cattle herds.

Debate arose thereon.

John Maloney moved the following amendment, - And that, in the event that the Minister is unable to

attend, the Parliamentary Secretary, accompanied by senior officials, be invited to appear as an interim measure.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment and it was agreed to.

The question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 16

Thursday, February 20, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the Agriculture Policy Framework: the long-term effects of the new NISA (Net Income Stabilization Account)

WITNESSES:

Canadian Federation of Agriculture:

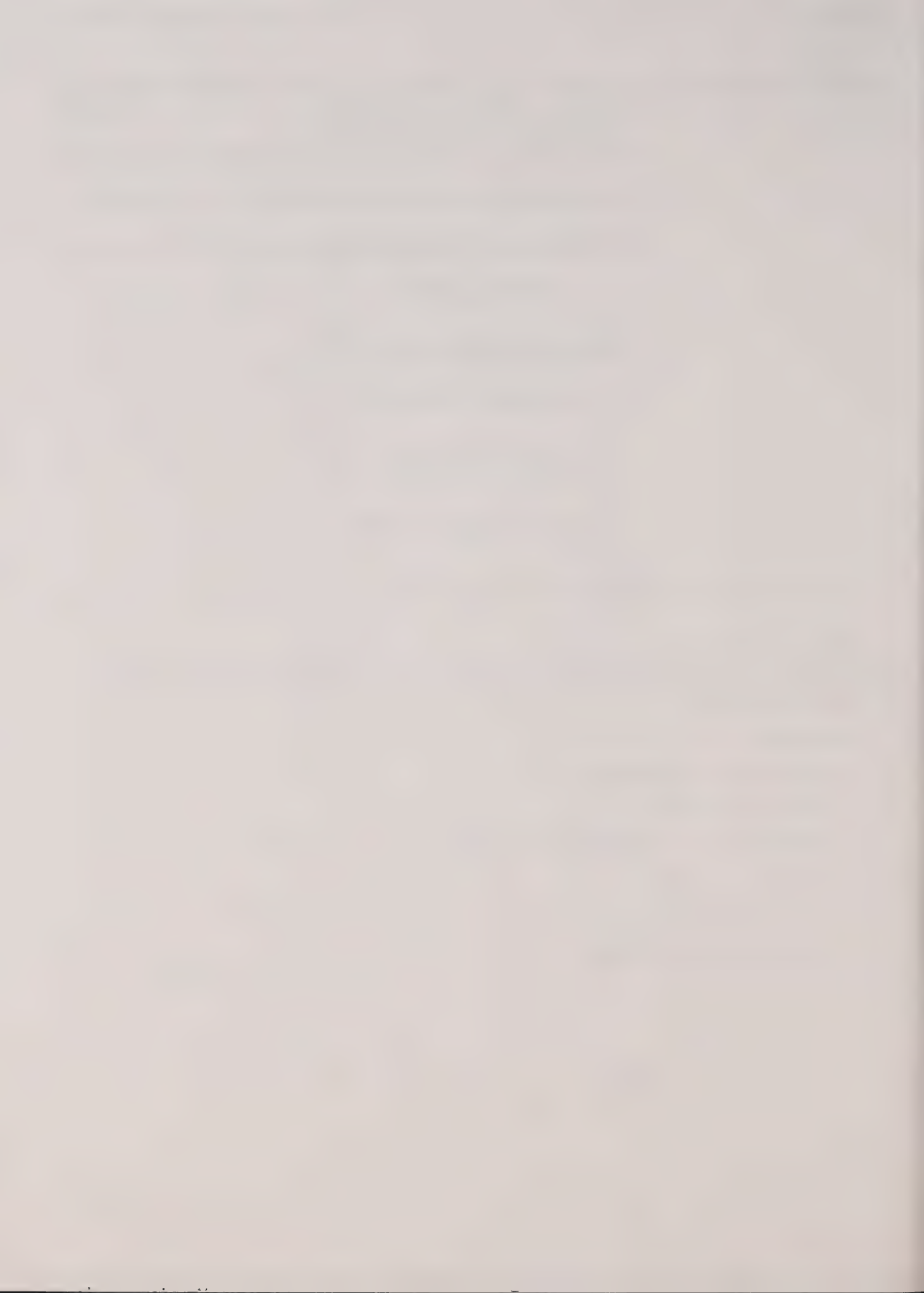
Bob Friesen, President;

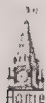
Bill Mailloux, Co-Chair, Safety Nets Committee.

Grain Growers of Canada:

Ken Bee, President;

Cam Dahl, Executive Director.





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Meeting No. 16

Thursday, February 20, 2003

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:15 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Mark Eyking, Marcel Gagnon, John Maloney, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Member present: Yolande Thibault for Claude Duplain

Other Members present: Murray Calder and Kevin Sorenson.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Federation of Agriculture: Bob Friesen, President; Jennifer Fellows, Farm Policy Analyst; Bill Mailloux, 2nd Vice-President. *From the Grain Growers of Canada:* Ken Bee, President; Cam Dahl, Executive Director; Don Kenny, Director - Region 2.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of the Agricultural Policy Framework: the long-term effects of the new NISA (Net Income Stabilization Account).

Bob Friesen and Bill Mailloux from the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and Ken Bee from the Grain Growers of Canada made opening statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:53 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marc-Olivier Girard

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 17

Tuesday, February 25, 2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Briefing session on meat inspection codes for interprovincial trade

Briefing session on regulations regarding feed for farmed gamed animals (Feeds Act and the regulations)

WITNESSES:

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Merv Baker, Doctor and Director, Food of Animal Origin Division;

Sarah Kahn, Doctor and Director, Animal Health and Production Division.

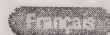
Department of Agriculture and Food of Manitoba:

John Taylor, Doctor and Director, Animal Industry Branch.

Department of Agriculture and Food of Ontario:

Tom Baker, Doctor and Director, Food Inspection Branch.





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Meeting No. 17

Tuesday, February 25, 2003

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Member(s) of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Gérard Binet, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitreuz, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Member(s) present: Carol Skelton for Howard Hilstrom.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, analyst.

Witness(es): From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Dr. Merv Baker, Director, Food of Animal Origin Division. *From the Department of Agriculture and Food of Manitoba:* Dr. John Taylor, Director, Animal Industry Branch. *From the Department of Agriculture and Food of Ontario:* Dr. Tom Baker, Director, Food Inspection Branch. *From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Dr. Sarah Kahn, Director, Animal Health and Production Division.

Pursuant to 108(2), Briefing session on meat inspection codes for interprovincial trade.

Merv Baker and John Taylor made opening statements and with Tom Baker, answered questions.

At 12:05 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:15 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to 108(2), Briefing session on regulations regarding feed for farmed game animals. (Feeds Act and the regulations)

Sarah Kahn made an opening statement.

Debate arose there on.

By unanimous consent, David L. Anderson for Howard Hilstrom, moved, - That the Committee investigate the impact of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) on the domestic elk and deer herds in Western Canada;

That as part of this investigation, the Committee invite elk ranchers from Saskatchewan and Alberta to appear before the Committee to discuss the impact CWD has had on their operations; and

That the Committee invite officials from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, to appear before the Committee, to discuss the government's plans to deal with this persistent and growing problem.

By unanimous consent, it was ordered, - That the motion be amended by adding after the word "problem" the following:

"providing there is sufficient funding to invite witnesses."

After debate, the motion, as amended, was agreed to.

Sarah Kahn answered questions.

At 12:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 18

Thursday, February 27, 2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

First Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure

Study of the occurrence of tuberculosis in the elk and deer herds in Riding Mountain national Park, Manitoba

WITNESSES:

Canadian Bison Association:

Gavin Conacher, Executive Director;
Shaun Grant, Chairman, Canadian Bison Marketing Council;
Tom Olson, President.

Parks Canada Agency:

Alan Latourelle, Chief Executive Officer;
Mike Wong, Executive Director, Ecological Integrity;
Stephen Woodley, Chief Scientist, Ecosystem Sciences, Ecological Integrity Branch.

University of Saskatchewan:

Gary Wobeser, Doctor and Professor, Veterinary Pathology.



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Meeting No. 18

Thursday, February 27, 2003

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Gérard Binet, Rick Borotsik, Claude Duplain, Marcel Gagnon, Howard Hilstrom, John Maloney, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Member present: Carol Skelton for Gary Breitzkreuz.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages, analyst; Jean-Denis Fréchette, analyst.

Witnesses From the Parks Canada Agency: Alan Latourelle, Chief Executive Officer; Mike Wong, Executive Director, Ecological Integrity; Dr. Stephen Woodley, Chief Scientist, Ecosystem Sciences, Ecological Integrity Branch. *From the University of Saskatchewan:* Dr. Gary Wobeser, Professor, Veterinary Pathology. *From the Canadian Bison Association:* Tom Olson, President; Gavin Conacher, Executive Director; Sean Grant, Chairman, Canadian Bison Marketing Council.

The Chair presented the First Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, which read as follows:

Your Subcommittee recommends that the Committee adopt the following programme:

That the Committee invite officials from the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and the Dairy Farmers of Ontario on March 18, 2003, concerning the WTO decision on the Canadian dairy export policy.

That the Committee invite the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food on March 20, 2003, to study the Supplementary Estimates.

That the Committee invite the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, the Western Barley Growers Association, the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities, the Ontario Corn Producers, the "Union des producteurs agricoles" and the Minister of Agriculture of the province of Quebec, to study the Agricultural Policy Framework on the week of March 24, 2003.

That the Committee invite witnesses to appear before the Committee on April 1, 2003, concerning imports of dairy substitutes (sugar/dairy blends).

That the Committee invite witnesses to appear before the Committee on April 3, 2003, concerning the labelling of dairy ingredients.

That the Committee invite witnesses to appear before the Committee on April 8, 2003, to study the approval of genetically modified wheat and its effect on Canadian agriculture.

That the Committee invite witnesses to appear before the Committee on April 10, 2003, to study

country-of-origin labelling.

That the Committee invite witnesses to appear before the Committee on April 29, 2003, to study Chronic Wasting Disease, pursuant to Howard Hilstrom's motion adopted on February 25, 2003.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of the occurrence of tuberculosis in the elk and deer herds in Riding Mountain National Park, Manitoba.

Debate arose thereon.

Marcel Gagnon moved, - That the first paragraph of the report be amended by adding after the word "Ontario", the following: " and Quebec".

After debate, the report, as amended, was agreed to.

Alan Latourelle made an opening statement and with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Gary Wobeser made an opening statement and answered questions.

Tom Olson and Gavin Conacher each made opening statements and with the other witness, answered questions.

At 12:53 p.m. the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera* for the consideration of a draft report.

At 1:08 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, March 18, 2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the World Trade Organization decision on the Canadian dairy export policy

WITNESSES:

Dairy Farmers of Ontario:

Gordon Coukell, Chairman of the Board.

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Mark Corey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch;

Steve Verheul, Acting Chief Agriculture Negotiator, International Trade Policy Directorate.

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:

Ian Burney, Director, Trade Remedies Division.

“Fédération des producteurs de lait du Québec”:

André Belzile, Assistant to Director General;

Jean Grégoire, Chair.



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Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, March 18, 2003

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Gérard Binet, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Marcel Gagnon, Howard Hilstrom, Louis Plamondon, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, analyst; Jean-Denis Fréchette, analyst.

Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Mark Corey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch; Steve Verheul, Acting Chief Agriculture Negotiator, International Trade Policy Directorate. *From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:* Ian Burney, Director, Trade Remedies Division. *From the Dairy Farmers of Ontario:* Gordon Coukell, Chairman of the Board; Bob Bishop, General Manager. *From the "Fédération des producteurs de lait du Québec":* Jean Grégoire, Chair; André Belzile, Assistant to Director General.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of the World Trade Organization decision on the Canadian dairy export policy.

Ian Burney, Mark Corey and Steve Verheul made opening statements and answered questions.

At 12:05 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:12 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee considered a draft budget.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That the proposed operational budget of the Committee in the amount of \$34,400.00 be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of the World Trade Organization decision on the Canadian dairy export policy.

Gordon Coukell, Jean Grégoire and André Belzile made opening statements and answered questions.

At 1:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 20

Thursday, March 20, 2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (B) 2002-2003 – Votes 1b, 10b, 30b and 40b under Agriculture and Agri-Food

Consideration of the Agricultural Policy Framework

APPEARING:

Hon. Lyle Vanclief, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food



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Meeting No. 20

Thursday, March 20, 2003

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 8:05 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gérard Binet, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Marcel Gagnon, Howard Hilstrom, Louis Plamondon, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Ovid Jackson for Larry McCormick; Lorne Nystrom for Dick Proctor; Carol Skelton for David L. Anderson.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Analyst.

Appearing: From the House of Commons: Hon. Lyle Vanclicf, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Samy Watson, Deputy Minister; Bruce Deacon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management Branch. *From the Canadian Food*

Inspection Agency: Dick Fadden, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee considered Supplementary Estimates (B) 2002-2003 - Votes 1b, 10b, 30b and 40b under Agriculture and Agri-Food referred to the Committee on Wednesday, February 26, 2003 and pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of the Agricultural Policy Framework.

The Minister made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 10:00 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:05 a.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

At 10:10 a.m., the Committee proceeded to sit in public.

Mr. Hilstrom moved, - That this Committee formally request that the Minister of Agriculture delay the implementation of the Business Risk Management pillar of the Agriculture Policy Framework for one year.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived on the following recorded division.

Yeas: Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Marcel Gagnon, Howard Hilstrom and Carol Skelton – 5

Nays: Gérard Binet, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Ovid Jackson, Bob Speller and Rose-Marie Ur - 6

At 10:15 a.m, the Committee resumed sitting *in camera*

It was agreed, - That a letter be sent to the Minister regarding the Agriculture Policy Framework.

At 10:35 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 21

Tuesday, March 25, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the Agricultural Policy Framework

WITNESSES:

Canadian Cattlemen's Association:

Jim Caldwell, Director, Government Affairs;

Stan Eby, Vice-President;

Calvin Knoss, Director.

Elite Swine Inc.:

Reinnie Brandt, Accountant;

Dickson Gould, President.

Manitoba Pork Council:

Marcel Hacault, Chair.

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Meeting No. 21

Monday, March 25, 2003

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:15 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Parliament Buildings, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, with Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Claude Duplain, Howard Hilstrom, Louis Poirier, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, analyst; Jean-Denis Fréchette, analyst.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Cattlemen's Association: Calvin Knoss, Director; Stan Eby, Vice-president; Jim McEwen, Director, Government Affairs. From the Elite Swine Inc.: Dickson Gould, President; Reinnie Brandt, Vice-President. From the Manitoba Pork Council: Marcel Hacault, Chair.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of the Agricultural Policy Framework.

Mr. Eby, Calvin Knoss, Dickson Gould and Marcel Hacault made opening statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 2:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 22

Thursday, March 27, 2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the Agricultural Policy Framework

WITNESSES:

Ontario Corn Producers' Association:

Brian Doidge, Economist and Market Analyst;

Don McCabe, Director;

Mat Menich, President.

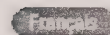
"Union des producteurs agricoles du Québec":

Laurent Pellerin, President.

Western Barley Growers Association:

Ed Armstrong, Director.

Douglas McBain, President.



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Meeting No. 22

Thursday, March 27, 2003

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:13 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Claude Duplain, Marcel Gagnon, Howard Hilstrom, Rick Laliberte, Louis Plamondon, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Massimo Pacetti for Bob Speller; Alan Tonks for John Maloney.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, analyst; Jean-Denis Fréchette, analyst.

Witnesses: From the "Union des producteurs agricoles du Québec": Laurent Pellerin, President; Gilbert Lavoie, Economist, Research and Agricultural Policy Branch. *From the Ontario Corn Producers' Association:* Mat Menich, President; Don McCabe, Director; Brian Doidge, Economist and Market Analyst. *From the Western Barley Growers Association:* Douglas McBain, President; Ed Armstrong, Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of the Agricultural Policy Framework.

Laurent Pellerin, Don McCabe, Brian Doidge, Ed Armstrong and Douglas McBain made opening statements and answered questions.

It was agreed, - That the Committee send a letter to the Minister of Canadian Heritage regarding the occurrence of tuberculosis in the elk and deer herds in Riding Mountain National Park, Manitoba.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 23

Tuesday, April 1st, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Information session on the use of dairy terms in the labelling of food products

WITNESSES:

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Carla Barry, National Manager, Fair Labelling Practices Program, Bureau of Food Safety
and Consumer Protection;

Gail Daniels, Chief, Dairy Programs;

Greg Orriss, Director, Bureau of Food Safety and Consumer Protection.

Dairy Farmers of Canada:

Richard Doyle, Executive Director;

Jean Grégoire, First Vice-President.



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Meeting No. 23

Tuesday, April 1st, 2003

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Garry Breitkreuz, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Howard Hilstrom, John Maloney, Louis Plamondon, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, analyst; Jean-Denis Fréchette, analyst.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Greg Orriss, Director, Bureau of Food Safety and Consumer Protection; Gail Daniels, Chief, Dairy Programs; Kathy Twardek, Food Program Officer.
From the Dairy Farmers of Canada: Jean Grégoire, First Vice-President; Richard Doyle, Executive Director; Sara Frost, Assistant Director, Policy and Government Relations.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), information session on the use of dairy terms in the labelling of food products.

Greg Orriss, Jean Grégoire and Richard Doyle made opening statements and with Gail Daniels and Kathy Twardek, answered questions.

At 12:52 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 24

Thursday, April 3, 2003

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study of the notice of motion of Marcel Gagnon

Briefing session on the approval of genetically modified wheat and its effect on Canadian agriculture

WITNESSES:

Canadian National Millers Association:

Gordon Harrison, President.

Canadian Wheat Board:

Bill Nicholson, Director, district 9;

Ken Ritter, Chair, Board of Directors;

Patty Rosher, Program Manager, Market Development, Sales and Market Development.

Grain Growers of Canada:

Cam Dahl, Executive Director;

Don Kenny, Director and Member of the Executive Committee;

Don McCabe, Chairman, Environment Committee.



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Meeting No. 24

Thursday, April 3, 2003

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Gérard Binet, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Howard Hilstrom, Rick Laliberte, John Maloney, Louis Plamondon, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Bernard Bigras for Marcel Gagnon; Murray Calder for Bob Speller; Judy Wasylcia-Leis for Dick Proctor.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, analyst; Jean-Denis Fréchette, analyst.

Witnesses: From the Grain Growers of Canada: Don McCabe, Chairman, Environment Committee; Don Kenny, Director and Member of the Executive Committee; Cam Dahl, Executive Director. *From the Canadian Wheat Board:* Ken Ritter, Chair, Board of Directors; Bill Nicholson, Director, district 9; Patty Rosher, Program Manager, Market Development, Sales and Market Development. *From the Canadian National Millers Association:* Gordon Harrison, President.

Pursuant to the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 7, 2002, the Committee proceeded to the notice of motion of Marcel Gagnon.

Mr. Plamondon, moved, - That the report by the inter-departmental group (Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food, Department of Finance, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency) set up following the demonstration by farmers in the early fall in Chicoutimi be tabled with the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived on the following recorded division:

Yeas: David L. Anderson, Bernard Bigras, Howard Hilstrom and Louis Plamondon – 4

Nays: Gérard Binet, Murray Calder, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, John Maloney and Rose-Marie Ur. - 6

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced consideration of the approval of genetically modified wheat and its effect on Canadian agriculture.

Don McCabe and Don Kenny made opening statements and with the other witness, answered questions.

Ken Ritter made an opening statement and with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:10 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:15 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Gordon Harrison made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 25

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the occurrence of tuberculosis in the elk and deer herds in Riding Mountain National Park, Manitoba

APPEARING:

The Honourable Sheila Copps, Minister of Canadian Heritage

WITNESSES:

Canadian Cattlemen's Association:

Jim Caldwell, Director, Government Affairs;

Neil Jahnke, President;

Dennis Laycraft, Executive Vice-President.

Canadian Pork Council:

Edouard Asnong, President;

Martin Rice, directeur exécutif.

Conseil canadien du porc:

Edouard Asnong, Président et vice-président, Fédération des producteurs du porc du Québec.



Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Mark Corey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch, Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food;

Alan Schlachter, Trade Policy Analyst, Western Hemisphere Trade Policy Division, International Trade Policy Directorate;

Ian Thomson, directeur, Division de la politique commerciale de l'hémisphère occidental, Direction des politiques de commerce international.

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:

Phil Calvert, Deputy Director, Technical Barriers and Regulations Division.

Manitoba Pork Council:

Mr. Larry Friesen.

Parks Canada Agency:

Alan Latourelle, Chief Executive Officer.



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Meeting No. 25

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met in a televised session at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 253-Centre Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Gérard Binet, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Claude Laplante, Mark Eyking, Howard Hilstrom, Louis Plamondon, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Luc Bourdages, analyst; Jean-Denis Fréchette, analyst; Lorie Vastava, analyst.

appearing: From the House of Commons: The Honourable Sheila Copps, Minister of Canadian Heritage.

Witnesses: From the Parks Canada Agency: Alan Latourelle, Chief Executive Officer. *From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:* Mark Corey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch; Ian Thomson, Director, Western Hemisphere Trade Policy Division, International Trade Policy Directorate; Alan Wachter, Trade Policy Analyst, Western Hemisphere Trade Policy Division, International Trade Policy Directorate. *From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:* Phil Calvert, Deputy Director, Technical Barriers and Regulations Division. *From the Canadian Cattlemen's Association:* Dennis Laycraft, Executive Vice-President; Hil Jahnke, President; Jim Caldwell, Director, Government Affairs. *From the Canadian Pork Council:* Edouard LeBlond, President; Martin Rice, Executive Director; Catherine Scovil, Executive Associate. *From the Manitoba Pork Council:* Larry Friesen.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of the occurrence of tuberculosis in the elk and deer herds in Riding Mountain National Park, Manitoba.

The Minister and Alan Latourelle made opening statements and answered questions.

At 10:00 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:05 a.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report on the issue of the occurrence of tuberculosis in the elk and deer herds in Riding Mountain National Park, Manitoba.

It was agreed, - That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, - That the Chair, Clerk and researchers be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, - That pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request the Government to table a comprehensive response to the Report.

It was agreed, - That the Chair present the report, as amended, to the House.

The Committee proceeded to consider its future business.

It was agreed, - That the Committee invite the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food on April 29, 2003, and departmental officials at three subsequent meetings, to study the Main Estimates 2003-2004 and the Agricultural Policy Framework.

It was agreed, - That the Committee hold two meetings to study the *U.S. Farm Bill*.

It was agreed, - That the Committee invite the Pest Management Control Agency to follow up on the minor use products.

It was agreed, - That the Committee hold two further meetings to study the approval of genetically modified wheat in Canada and its effect on Canadian agriculture.

It was agreed, - That the Committee hold a briefing session on the current World Trade Organization negotiations.

At 10:55 a.m., the meeting was suspended.

At 11:05 a.m., the Committee proceeded to sit in public.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to the consideration of the United States country-of-origin labelling policy.

Mark Corey and Ian Thomson made opening statements and with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Edouard Asnong, Neil Jahnke, Martin Rice and Larry Friesen made opening statements and with Dennis Laycraft and Jim Caldwell answered questions.

At 12:57 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair

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Meeting No. 26

Thursday, April 10, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the importation of dairy substitutes (butter oil / sugar blends)

WITNESSES:

Canada Customs and Revenue Agency:

Mike Jordan, Director General, Trade Policy and Interpretation Directorate, Customs Branch;

Ignatius Leron, Manager, International Nomenclature Development Unit, Customs Branch.

Dairy Farmers of Canada:

Leo Bertoia, President;

Richard Doyle, Executive Director.

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Andrea Lyon, Director, Tariffs and Market Access Division;

Rory McAlpine, Director General, International Trade Policy Directorate.

Department of Finance:

Patrick Hines, Senior Economist, International Trade Policy Division.

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Meeting No. 26

Thursday, April 10, 2003

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Claude Duplain, Louis Plamondon, Paul Steckle and Rosemarie Ur.

Attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, analyst.

Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Rory McAlpine, Director General, International Trade Policy Directorate. *From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:* Andréa Lyon, Director, Tariffs and Market Access Division. *From the Department of Finance:* Patrick Hines, Senior Economist, International Trade Policy Division. *From the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency:* Mike Jordan, Director General, Trade Policy and Interpretation Directorate, Custom Branch; Ignatius Leron, Manager, International Nomenclature Development Unit, Custom Branch. *From the Dairy Farmers of Canada:* Leo Bertoia, President; Richard Doyle, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to consider the importation of dairy substitutes (butter / sugar blends).

Rory McAlpine and Andréa Lyon made opening statements and with Mike Jordan and Ignatius Leron answered questions.

Leo Bertoia made an opening statement and with the other witness, answered questions.

At 12:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 27

Thursday, May 1, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration the committee review of the Estimates

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Barry Leighton, Principal;

John Mayne, Principal.



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Meeting No. 27

Thursday, May 1st, 2003

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Howard Hilstrom, John Maloney, Louis Plamondon, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, analyst.

Witnesses: From the Office of the Auditor General of Canada: John Mayne, Principal; Barry Leighton, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee considered the committee review of the Estimates documents.

John Mayne and Barry Leighton made opening statements and answered questions.

At 12:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 28

Tuesday, May 6, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the current World Trade Organization negotiations on agriculture

WITNESSES:

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

David Chatterson, Director, Multilateral Trade Policy Division;

Mark Corey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch;

Steve Verheul, Chief Agriculture Negotiator, International Trade Policy Directorate.

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Meeting No. 28

Tuesday, May 6, 2003

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Parliament Buildings, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, with the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Claude Duplain, John Maloney, Louis Plamondon, Bob Lacombe, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Guest Member present: Rick Casson for Howard Hilstrom.

Attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, analyst.

Guests: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Mark Corey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Farm Programs Branch; Steve Verheul, Chief Agriculture Trade Negotiator, International Trade Policy Directorate. From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade: David Chatters, Director, Multilateral Trade Policy Division.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to consider the current World Trade Organization negotiations on agriculture.

Mark Corey, David Chatters and Steve Verheul made opening statements and answered questions.

At 1:45 a.m., the meeting was suspended.

At 12:15 p.m., the meeting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of the current World Trade Organization negotiations on agriculture.

At 3:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 29

Thursday, May 8, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the U.S. Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (U.S. Farm Bill)

WITNESSES:

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Mark Corey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch;

Phillip Douglas, Deputy Director, Canada U.S. Trade Policy, International Trade Policy Directorate;

Michael Keenan, Director General, Research and Analysis Directorate;

Steve Verheul, Chief Agriculture Trade Negotiator, International Trade Policy Directorate.



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Meeting No. 29

Thursday, May 8, 2003

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Garry Breitkreuz, Mark Eyking, Howard Hilstrom, Rick Laliberte, John Maloney, Louis Plamondon, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Member present: Rick Casson for David L. Anderson.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, analyst.

Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Mark Corey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch; Michael Keenan, Director General, Research and Analysis Directorate; Steve Verheul, Chief Agriculture Trade Negotiator, International Trade Policy Directorate; Phillip G. Douglas, Deputy Director, Canada U.S. Trade Policy, International Trade Policy Directorate.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to the consideration of the *U.S. Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002* (U.S. Farm Bill).

Mark Corey, Michael Keenan and Steve Verheul made opening statements and, with Phillip G. Douglas, answered questions.

At 1:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 30

Thursday, May 15, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the Main Estimates 2003-2004, Votes 30 and 35, and Report on Plans and Priorities
under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

WITNESSES:

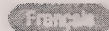
Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Peter Brackenridge, Vice-President, Operations;

Rob Dufresne, Acting Executive Director, Financial Service;

Brian Evans, Acting Vice-President, Programs;

Kristine Stolarik, Acting Executive Director, Liaison, Preparedness and Policy
Coordination.



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Meeting No. 30

Thursday, May 15, 2003

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:13 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Claude Duplain, Howard Hilstrom, John Maloney, Louis Plamondon, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Svend Robinson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis for Dick Proctor.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, analyst.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Peter Brackenridge, Vice-President, Operations; Brian Evans, Acting Vice-President, Programs; Rob Dufresne, Acting Executive Director, Financial Services; Kristine Stolarik, Acting Executive Director, Liaison, Preparedness and Policy Coordination.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee proceeded to the consideration of the Main Estimates 2003-2004, Votes 30 and 35, and Report on Plans and Priorities under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD.

Peter Brackenridge made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 31

Monday, May 26, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the Main Estimates 2003-2004, Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40, and of the Report on Plans and Priorities under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

APPEARING:

The honourable Lyle Vanclief, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

WITNESSES:

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Richard Fadden, President.

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Bruce Deacon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management Branch;

Howard Migie, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch;

Samy Watson, Deputy Minister.



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Meeting No. 31

Monday, May 26, 2003

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met in a televised session at 4:15 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Mark Eyking, Howard Hilstrom, John Maloney, Larry McCormick, Louis Plamondon, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Member present: Pauline Picard for Marcel Gagnon.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, analyst.

Appearing: From the House of Commons: Hon. Lyle Vanclief, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Samy Watson, Deputy Minister; Bruce Deacon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management Branch; Howard Migie, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch. *From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Richard Fadden, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced the consideration of the Main Estimates 2003-2004, Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40, and of the Report on Plans and Priorities under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD.

The Minister made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, May 27, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the BSE disease investigation

WITNESSES:

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Robert Carberry, Acting Vice-President, Programs;

Claude Lavigne, Associate Executive Director, Animal Products Directorate.

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Gilles Lavoie, Senior Director General, Operations and Agricultural Industry Services
Directorate, Market and Industry Services Branch.





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Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, May 27, 2003

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Mark Eyking, Howard Hilstrom, John Maloney, Louis Plamondon, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Paul Szabo for Larry McCormick and Alan Tonks for Claude Duplain.

Other Member present: Rick Casson.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, analyst; Jean-Denis Fréchette, analyst.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Robert Carberry, Acting Vice President, Programs; Claude Lavigne, Associate Executive Director, Animal Products Directorate. *From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:* Gilles Lavoie, Senior Director General, Operations and Agricultural Industry Services Directorate, Market and Industry Services Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to consider the BSE disease investigation.

Mr. Hilstrom moved, - That this Committee invite the Minister of Agriculture for the province of Alberta, the Honourable Shirley McClellan, to appear before this Committee in early June 2003, to discuss how the Government of Alberta intends to implement its recently passed legislation regarding the Canadian Wheat Board.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on division.

Mr. Hilstrom moved, - That this Committee review the actions of the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food and the administration of the AIDA and CFIP programs, in the case of a Manitoba farmer, Mr. John Morrison.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived.

Robert Carberry made an opening statement, and with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:17 p.m., Mr. Hilstrom took the Chair.

At 12:25 p.m., Mr. Steckle took the Chair.

At 1:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 33

Thursday, May 29, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the Main Estimates 2003-2004, Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40, and Report on Plans and Priorities under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

WITNESSES:

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Bruce Archibald, Assistant Deputy Minister, Research Branch;

Bruce Deacon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management Branch;

Douglas Hedley, Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial Programs Branch;

Howard Migie, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch;

Carl Neggers, Director General, Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration;

Michael Presley, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch;

Paul Schubert, Assistant Deputy Minister, Communications Branch;

Steve Verheul, Chief Agriculture Negotiator, International Trade Policy Directorate.

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Meeting No. 33

Monday, May 29, 2003

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Parliament Building, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Gérard Binet, Mark Eyking, Rick Laliberte, John Maloney, Norm Plamondon, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Guest Member present: Murray Calder for Claude Duplain.

Attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, analyst.

Guests: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Bruce Deacon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management Branch; Douglas Hedley, Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial Programs Branch; Howard Migie, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch; Michael Presley, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Food and Industry Services Branch; Paul Schubert, Assistant Deputy Minister, Communications Branch; Bruce Archibald, Assistant Deputy Minister, Research Branch; Carl Neggers, Director General, Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration; Steve Verheul, Chief Agriculture Negotiator, International Trade Policy Directorate.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee resumed consideration of the Main Estimates 2003-2004, Votes 1, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40, and Report on Plans and Priorities under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD.

Bruce Deacon made an opening statement and, with Howard Migie, Douglas Hedley, Bruce Archibald, Michael Presley, Steve Verheul and Carl Neggers, answered questions.

The Committee considered a draft budget.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That the proposed operational budget of the Committee in the amount of \$500.00 be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee resumed consideration of the Main Estimates 2003-2004, Votes 1, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40, and Report on Plans and Priorities under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD.

At 2:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 34

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the Government Response to the Third Report of the Committee (Registration of Pesticides and the Competitiveness of Canadian Farmers)

WITNESSES:

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Mary Komarynsky, Director General, Adaptation and Financial Guarantee Programs.

Pest Management Regulatory Agency:

Imme Gerke, Minor Use Advisor;

Janice Hopkins, Director, Alternative Strategies and Regulatory Affairs Division.

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Meeting No. 34

Monday, June 3, 2003

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Parliament Building, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, with Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rick Borotsik, Mark Eyking, Howard Hilstrom, John Maloney, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

Guest Member present: Bernard Bigras for Louis Plamondon.

Attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Analyst.

Guests: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Mary Komarynsky, Director General, Adaptation & Financial Guarantee Programs. From the Pest Management Regulatory Agency: Janice Hopkins, Director, Alternative Pesticides and Regulatory Affairs Division; Imme Gerke, Minor Use Advisor.

Pursuant to the Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of the Government Response to the First Report of the Committee (Registration of Pesticides and the Competitiveness of Canadian Farmers) of the First Session, 37th Parliament.

Mrs. Komarynsky and Janice Hopkins made opening statements and, with Imme Gerke, answered questions.

At 2:53 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 35

Thursday, June 5, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the approval of genetically modified wheat and its effect on Canadian agriculture

WITNESSES:

Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan Inc.:

Ivan Ottenbreit, Director, District I.

National Farmers Union:

Terry Boehm, Vice-President;

Stewart Wells, President, National Farmers Union.

Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities:

Arita McPherson, Director of Agriculture Policy;

Neal Hardy, President.

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Meeting No. 35

Monday, June 5, 2003

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Parliament Buildings, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Claude Duplain, John H. Macdonald, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Guests: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, analyst; Jean-Denis Fréchette, analyst.

Guests: From the National Farmers Union: Stewart Wells, President; Terry Boehm, Vice-President. From the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities: Neal Hardy, President; Arita McPherson, Director of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. From the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan Inc.: Ivan Ottenbreit, Director, District I.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of the approval of genetically modified organisms and its effect on Canadian agriculture.

Stewart Wells, Terry Boehm, Neal Hardy and Ivan Ottenbreit made opening statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:10 a.m., Rose-Marie Ur took the Chair.

At 1:10 p.m., Paul Steckle took the Chair.

At 4:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 36

Thursday, June 5, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the BSE disease investigation

WITNESSES:

Alberta Beef Producers:

Arno Doerksen, Chairman.

Canadian Cattlemen's Association:

Stan Eby, Vice-president;

Dennis Laycraft, Executive Vice-President;

Ben Thorlakson, Director;

Brad Wildeman, Chair, Foreign Trade Committee.

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Meeting No. 36

Monday, June 5, 2003

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:10 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Gérard Binet, Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Claude G. Gauthier, Mark Eyking, Rick Laliberte, John Maloney, Louis Plamondon, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle and Marie Ur.

Members present: Odina Desrochers for Louis Plamondon; Carol Skelton for Howard Hilstrom.

Attendance: *From the Library of Parliament:* Jean-Denis Fréchette, analyst.

Guests: *From the Canadian Cattlemen's Association:* Dennis Laycraft, Executive Vice-President; Stan Eby, Vice-President; Jim Caldwell, Director, Government Affairs; Brad Wildeman, Chair, Foreign Trade Committee; Ben Thorlakson, Director; *From the Alberta Beef Producers:* Arno Doerksen, Chairman.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of the BSE Disease Investigation.

Mr. Eby, Dennis Laycraft and Ben Thorlakson made opening statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 37

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Briefing Session on Chronic Wasting Disease in the elk population

WITNESSES:

Canadian Cervid Council:

Mike Bringans, Director and Scientific Advisor;

Terry Church, President and Vice-President, Alberta Elk Association.

As Individuals;

Ray Ference, Elk Valley Ranches, Alberta;

Brian Oestreicher, Elk Hills Ranch Ltd., Saskatchewan.

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standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:46 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the
Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rick Borotsik, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Marcel Gagnon, Howard Hilstrom,
Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Guest Members present: Carol Skelton for David Anderson; Leon Benoit for Garry Breitkreuz.

Attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, analyst; Bronwyn Pavey, analyst.

Guests: From the Canadian Cervid Council: Serge Buy, Executive Director; Dr. Terry Church, President and Vice-
President, Alberta Elk Association; Mike Bringans, Director and Scientific Advisor. *From the As Individual:* Ray
ce, Elk Valley Ranches, Alberta; Brian Oestreicher, Elk Hills Ranch Ltd., Saskatchewan.

uant to Standing Order 108(2), Briefing Session on Chronic Wasting Disease in the elk population.

Church, Mike Bringans and Serge Buy made opening statements and answered questions.

erence and Brian Oestreicher made opening statements and answered questions.

:15 p.m., the meeting was suspended.

:16 p.m., the meeting resumed.

00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Rémi Bourgault

Committee Clerk

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Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 38

Thursday, June 12, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the approval of genetically modified wheat and its effect on Canadian agriculture

WITNESSES:

Canadian Federation of Agriculture:

Jennifer Higginson, Trade Policy Analyst;

Weldon Newton, President, Keystone Agricultural Producers.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Phil Macdonald, National Manager, Environment Release Assessments, Plan Biosafety Office.

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

John Culley, Program Director, Research Planning and Coordination;

Simon Kennedy, Director General, Policy Planning and Integration, Strategic Policy Branch;

Tom Richardson, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch.

Monsanto Canada Inc.:

John Dossetor, Vice-President, Government Affairs;

Kerry Preete, Vice-President;

Curtis Rempel, Roundup Ready Wheat Lead.

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Meeting No. 38

Monday, June 12, 2003

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Parliament Buildings, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, with Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Claude Duplain, Howard Hilstrom, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle and Marie Ur.

Guest Member present: Bernard Bigras for Marcel Gagnon.

Attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge and Jean-Denis Fréchette, Analysts.

Witnesses: From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Tom Richardson, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch; Simon Kennedy, Director General, Policy Planning and Integration, Strategic Policy Branch; John Culley, Program Director, Research Planning and Coordination. From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Phil Macdonald, National Manager, Environment Release Assessments, Plan Biosafety Office. From the Monsanto Company: Curtis Rempel, Roundup Ready Wheat Lead; Kerry J. Preete, Vice-President; John Dossetor, Vice-President, Government Affairs. From the Canadian Federation of Agriculture: Weldon Newton, President, Keystone Agricultural Producers; Jennifer Higginson, Trade Policy Analyst.

At the conclusion of the presentation of the report, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of the approval of genetically modified organisms and its effect on Canadian agriculture.

Simon Kennedy and Phil Macdonald made opening statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Kerry J. Preete and Weldon Newton made opening statements and, with Jennifer Higginson and Curtis Rempel, answered questions.

At 2 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 39

Monday, June 30, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Special Briefing on the BSE disease investigation

WITNESSES:

Butte Grain Merchants:

Rick Paskal, Alberta Cattle Feeder;
Cor Van Raay, Alberta Cattle Feeder.

Canadian Cattlemen's Association:

Stan Eby, Vice-President;
Brad Wildeman, Chair, Foreign Trade Committee.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Robert Carberry, Acting Vice-President, Programs.

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Gilles Lavoie, Senior Director General, Policy and Planning Team, Food Safety and Quality;

Andrew Marsland, Director General, International Markets Bureau.

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:

Andrew Moroz, Director, Trade Controls Policy;

Claudio Valle, Director, Technical Barriers and Regulations.

As Individual:

Calvin Vaags, Manitoba Feed Lot Operator.

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Meeting No. 40

Thursday, July 10, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Special Briefing on the BSE disease investigation

WITNESSES:

Canada Beef Export Federation:

Ted Haney, President.

Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors:

Paul Fortin, Vice-President, A & P Canada Ltd.;

Nick Jennery, President and Chief Executive Officer;

Kim McKinnon, Vice-President.

Canadian Meat Council:

Robert Weaver, General Manager.

"Maurice Guillemette Inc.":

Pierre Guillemette Co-owner;

André Toutant, General Manager.

Retail Ready Inc.:

John Ferraro, President.

United Food & Commercial Workers International Union:

Paul Meinema, President, Local 1400 (Saskatchewan).



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Meeting No. 40

Thursday, July 10, 2003

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met in a televised session at 10:09 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Howard Hilstrom, Louis Plamondon, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Member present: Gerry Ritz for David L. Anderson.

Other Member present: Peter Adams

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, researcher.

Witnesses: From the Retail Ready Inc.: John Ferraro, President. *From the United Food & Commercial Workers International Union:* Paul Meinema, President, Local 1400 (Saskatchewan). *From the Guillemette Maurice Inc.:* Pierre Guillemette, Co-owner; André Toutant, Executive Director. *From the Canada Beef Export Federation:* Ted Haney, President. *From the Canadian Meat Council:* Robert Weaver, General Manager. *From the Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors:* Nick Jennery, President and Chief Executive Officer; Kim McKinnon, Vice-President; Paul Fortin, Vice-President, A & P Canada Ltd.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee held a Special Briefing on the BSE Disease Investigation.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:09 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

At 12:18 p.m. the sitting resumed.

At 1:40 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

At 1:43 p.m. the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee considered future business.

At 1:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 41

Monday, August 11, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Special Briefing on the BSE disease investigation

WITNESSES:

Canadian Cattlemen's Association:

Stan Eby, Vice-president.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Robert Carberry, Vice-President, Programs.

Carmen Meats Inc.:

Jim Holmes, President.

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Gilles Lavoie, Senior Director General, Operations, Market and Industry Services Branch;

Andrew Marsland, A/Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch.

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:

Claudio Valle, Director, Technical Barriers and Regulations.

Lakeside Packers:

Garnett Altwasser, Chief Executive Officer.

Levinoff Meats Limited:

Brian Read, General Manager.

Nilsson Brothers:

Brian Nilsson, Co-Chief Executive Officer.

St. Helen's Meat Packers:

Robert Bielak, President.



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Meeting No. 41

Monday, August 11, 2003

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met in a televised session at 10:05 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rick Borotsik, Garry Breitkreuz, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Howard Hilstrom, John Maloney, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Member present: Rick Casson for David L. Anderson.

Associate Members present: Inky Mark, Gerry Ritz and Monte Solberg.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Lorie Strivastava, Researcher.

Witnesses: From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade: Claudio Valle, Director, Technical Barriers and Regulations; Andrew Moroz, Director, Trade Controls Policy. *From the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:* Andrew Marsland, A/Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch; Gilles Lavoie, Senior Director General, Operations, Market and Industry Services Branch. *From the Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Robert Carberry, Vice President, Programs. *From Lakeside Packers:* Garnett Altwasser, Chief Executive Officer. *From Levinoff Meats Limited:* Brian Read, General Manager. *From Nilsson Brothers:* Brian Nilsson, Co-Chief Executive Officer. *From Carman Meats Inc.:* Jim Holmes, President. *From St. Helen's Meat Packers Ltd:* Robert Bielak, President. *From the Canadian Cattlemen's Association:* Stan Eby, Vice-president.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee held a Special Briefing on the BSE Disease Investigation.

Andrew Marsland and Robert Carberry made statements and, with Claudio Valle, Andrew Moroz and Gilles Lavoie, answered questions.

At 10:58 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:05 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Garnett Altwasser, Brian Read, Brian Nilsson, Jim Holmes, Robert Bielak and Stan Eby made statements and answered questions.

At 11:55 a.m., Howard Hilstrom took the Chair.

At 12:05 p.m., Paul Steckle took the Chair.

At 1:32 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:36 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Andrew Marsland, Robert Carberry, Claudio Valle, Andrew Moroz and Gilles Lavoie answered questions.

On motion of Rick Borotsik, it was agreed unanimously, -- That the Prime Minister be encouraged to lead an all-party delegation to the United States and Japan to meet with the appropriate officials with the desire to facilitate the opening of the United States border to pre-May 20th levels.

At 2:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

José Cadorette
Committee Clerk

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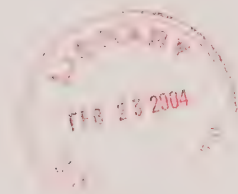
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Meeting No. 42

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Meeting No. 42

Tuesday, September 23, 2003

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gérard Binet, Rick Borotsik, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, John Maloney, Louis Plamondon, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Rick Casson for Garry Breitkreuz and Gerry Ritz for David L. Anderson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Chair seek consent for the Committee to be authorized to meet on Thursday, September 25, 2003 for the purposes of electing a Chair.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk make the necessary arrangements for the Committee to travel to Washington, D.C. in October 2003, in order to discuss the BSE crisis.

At 4:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2003/09/25 10:52 a.m.

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Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 43

Thursday, September 25, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs

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Meeting No. 43

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Gérard Binet, Claude Duplain, Louis Plamondon, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Guest Members present: Sue Barnes for Rick Laliberte, Garry Breitkreuz for Howard Hilstrom, Murray Calder for John Maloney, Charles Hubbard for Larry McCormick, Gerald Keddy for Rick Borotsik, Paul Harold Macklin for Rick Eyring and Joe Peschisolido for Bob Speller.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Chair.

On the motion of Charles Hubbard, it was agreed, — That Paul Steckle be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chairs.

On the motion of Murray Calder, it was agreed, — That Rose-Marie Ur be elected as Government Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Casson moved, — That Gerry Ritz be elected as Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Gerald Keddy moved, — That Rick Borotsik be elected as Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(3), the election was conducted by secret ballot.

After the ballots having been counted, Gerry Ritz was declared duly elected as Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Paul Steckle took the Chair.

At 4:46 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

It was agreed, — That a letter be sent to Dr. Bernard Vallat, Director General of the «Office international des Epiphyties» concerning the BSE situation in Canada.

It was agreed, — That the Dairy Farmers of Canada be invited to appear before the Committee on September 30, 2003 to discuss the BSE situation in Canada.

It was agreed, — That representatives of the Canadian Bankers' Association and of various banks be invited to appear before the Committee on a date to be determined to discuss the BSE situation in Canada.

It was agreed, — That the Committee study the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2003-2004, before October 10, 2003.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk plan the budget and itinerary for the Committee's travel to Washington, D.C. in October 2003 and that a briefing session be held for Committee members before departure .

At 4:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/01 9:44 a.m.

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Meeting No. 44

Tuesday, September 30, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the BSE situation in Canada

WITNESSES:

Dairy Farmers of Canada:

Réjean Bouchard, Assistant Director, Policy and Dairy Production;

Bruce Saunders, Second Vice-President.

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day, September 30, 2003

Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gérard Binet, Rick Borotsik, Rick Casson, Claude Duplain, John Maloney, Larryormick, Louis Plamondon, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Guest Members present: Cheryl Gallant for Gerry Ritz.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Guests: Dairy Farmers of Canada: Bruce Saunders, Second Vice-President; Réjean Bouchard, Assistant Director , y and Dairy Production.

uant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the BSE situation in Canada.

e Saunders made a statement and answered questions.

00 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 45

Thursday, October 2, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the BSE situation in Canada

WITNESSES:

Farm Credit Canada:

John Ryan, President and Chief Executive Officer;

Janet Wightman, Executive Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer.

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Meeting No. 45

Wednesday, October 2, 2003

Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gérard Binet, Claude Duplain, John Maloney, Larry McCormick, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle, Rose-Marie Ur.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Guests: Farm Credit Canada: John J. Ryan, President and Chief Executive Officer; Janet Wightman, Executive Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the BSE situation in Canada.

It was agreed, — That, in relation to the Committee's travel to Washington, the group be composed of five government members and one member of each of the opposition parties.

On the motion of John Maloney, it was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$39,063.26 for the Committee's travel to Washington, D.C., on October 19 to 21, 2003, be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

On the motion of Larry McCormick, it was agreed, — That the proposed operational budget of the Committee in the amount of \$18,300.00 be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

John J. Ryan made a statement and, with Janet Wightman, answered questions.

At 5:54 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/03 11:29 a.m.

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Standing Committee
on

AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 46

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the BSE situation in Canada

WITNESSES:

Bank of Nova Scotia:

Bob Funk, Vice-President, Agriculture.

BMO Bank of Montreal:

Don Wither, Director, Market Segment Solutions.

Canadian Bankers Association:

Terry Campbell, Vice-President, Policy.

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce:

Pieter Kleinschmidt, Vice-President, Agricultural Credit.

National Bank of Canada:

Yvan Beaudin, Director, Agri-business Services.

Royal Bank of Canada:

Brian Little, National Manager, Agriculture and Agribusiness.

TD Canada Trust:

David Marr, National Manager, Agricultural Services.



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Meeting No. 46

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gérard Binet, Rick Borotsik, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, John Maloney, Larry McCormick, Louis Plamondon, Gerry Ritz and Paul Steckle.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Canadian Bankers Association: Terry Campbell, Vice-President, Policy. *Bank of Nova Scotia:* Bob Funk, Vice President, Agriculture. *Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce:* Pieter Kleinschmidt, Vice President, Agricultural Credit. *TD Canada Trust:* David Marr, National Manager, Agricultural Services. *National Bank of Canada:* Yvan Beaudin, Director, Agri-business Services. *BMO Bank of Montreal:* Don Wither, Director, Market Segment Solutions. *Royal Bank of Canada:* Brian Little, National Manager, Agriculture and Agribusiness.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the BSE situation in Canada

Terry Campbell made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/08 1:14 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 47

Thursday, October 9, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2003-2004: Votes 1a, 5a, 10a 30a and 40a under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Debra Bryanton, Executive Director, Food Safety;

Greg Stubbings, National Manager, Forestry Section, Plant Health Division;

Gordon White, Vice-President, Corporate Services.

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Bruce Deacon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management Branch;

Douglas Hedley, Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial Programs Branch;

Gilles Lavoie, Senior Director General, Operations, Market and Industry Services Branch;

Donna Mitchell, Executive Director, Rural and Co-operatives Secretariats;

Carl Neggers, Director General, Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration;

Paul Schubert, Assistant Deputy Minister, Communications Branch.

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Sitting No. 47

Thursday, October 9, 2003

Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gérard Binet, Rick Borotsik, Claude Duplain, Howard Hilstrom, John Maloney, Gary McCormick, Louis Plamondon, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Guest Members present: Mark Assad for Rick Laliberte and Carmen Provenzano for Mark Eyking.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Bruce Deacon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management Branch; Douglas Hedley, Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial Programs Branch; Gilles Lavoie, Senior Director General, Operations, Market and Industry Services Branch; Bruce Archibald, Assistant Deputy Minister, Research Branch; Donna Mitchell, Executive Director, Rural and Co-operatives Secretariats; Carl Neggers, Senior Director General, Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration; Paul Schubert, Assistant Deputy Minister, Communications Branch. *Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Debra Bryanton, Executive Director, Food Safety; Gordon R. White, Vice-President, Corporate Services; Greg Stubbings, National Manager, Forestry Section, Plant Health Division.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2003-04: Votes 1a, 5a, 10a 30a and 40a under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD referred to the Committee on September 23, 2003.

At 3:35 p.m., Bruce Deacon made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:30 p.m., Gordon White made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:05 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:15 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

It was agreed to on division, - That Votes 1a, 5a, 30a and 40a under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD carry.

It was agreed, - That John Maloney be delegated to report Votes 1a, 5a, 30a and 40a under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD to the House, as carried.

At 5:16 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/14 3:58 p.m.

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37th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

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Standing Committee
on

AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 48

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on the BSE situation in Canada

WITNESSES:

Mediagrif Interactive Technologies:

Michel Simard, Chief Operating Officer.

Viewtrak Technologies Inc.:

Michael Conlon, Chief Technology Officer.



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Meeting No. 48

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gérard Binet, Rick Borotsik, Larry McCormick, Louis Plamondon, Dick Proctor, Gerry Ritz, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Viewtrak Technologies Inc.: Jake Burlet, President and Chief Operating Officer; Michael Conlon, Chief Technology Officer. *Mediagrif Interactive Technologies:* Michel Simard, Chief Operating Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study on the BSE situation in Canada.

Jake Burlet and Michel Simard made opening statements and with the other witness, answered questions.

At 4:40 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera* and commenced consideration of a draft report on the BSE situation in Canada.

At 5:09 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/23 11:05 a.m.

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on

AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 49

Thursday, October 23, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the current World Trade Organization negotiations on agriculture

WITNESSES:

Dairy Farmers of Canada:

Richard Doyle, Executive Director;

Jacques Laforge, First Vice-President.

Grain Growers of Canada:

Ken Bee, President;

Cam Dahl, Executive Director.



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Meeting No. 49

Thursday, October 23, 2003

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Howard Hilstrom, Louis Plamondon, Dick Proctor, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Judy Sgro for Gérard Binet.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Grain Growers of Canada: Ken Bee, President; Cam Dahl, Executive Director. *Dairy Farmers of Canada:* Richard Doyle, Executive Director; Jacques Laforge, First Vice-President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of the current World Trade Organization negotiations on agriculture.

At 3:35 p.m., Ken Bee made an opening statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 4:36 p.m., Jacques Laforge made an opening statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 5:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/24 2:08 p.m.

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Standing Committee
on

AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 50

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the registration of pesticides.

WITNESSES:

Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development:

Johanne G  linas, Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development.

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Neil Maxwell, Principal;

Peter Morrison, Director.

Pest Management Regulatory Agency:

Richard Aucoin, Acting Chief Registrar;

Imme Gerke, Minor Use Advisor;

Wendy Sexsmith, Acting Executive Director.

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ing No. 50

day, October 28, 2003

Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gérard Binet, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, John Maloney, Larry McCormick, s Plamondon, Gerry Ritz, Bob Speller and Rose-Marie Ur.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: *Pest Management Regulatory Agency:* Richard Aucoin, Acting Chief Registrar. *Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development:* Johanne Gélinas, Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development. *Pest Management Regulatory Agency:* Imme Gerke, Minor Use Advisor. *Office of the Auditor General Canada:* Neil Maxwell, Principal; Peter Morrison, Director. *Pest Management Regulatory Agency:* Wendy Sexsmith, Acting Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the registration of pesticides.

Wendy Sexsmith, Imme Gerke and Johanne Gélinas made opening statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 2:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

10/30 2:20 p.m.

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Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 51

Wednesday, October 29, 2003

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Meeting No. 51

Wednesday, October 29, 2003

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gérard Binet, Claude Duplain, Larry McCormick, Louis Plamondon, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Stan Dromisky for John Maloney, Nancy Karetak-Lindell for Bob Speller and John O'Reilly for Rick Laliberte.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its draft report on the BSE situation in Canada.

It was agreed, - That That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, - That the report be entitled: The Investigation and the Government Response Following the Discovery of a Single Case of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy.

It was agreed, - That the Chair, Clerk and researchers be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, - That the Chair present the report to the House as the 3rd Report of the Committee.

It was agreed, - That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

At 3:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2003/10/30 2:40 p.m.

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on

AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 52

Thursday, October 30, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the current World Trade Organization negotiations on agriculture

WITNESSES:

Canadian Poultry and Egg Processors Council:

Robin Horel, President;

Tony Tavares, Chairman.

Chicken Farmers of Canada:

Mike Dungate, General Manager;

David Fuller, President.



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Meeting No. 52

Thursday, October 30, 2003

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gérard Binet, Claude Duplain, Mark Eyking, Howard Hilstrom, Louis Plamondon, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Murray Calder for Larry McCormick and Rodger Cuzner for Rick Laliberte.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Chicken Farmers of Canada: Mike Dungate, General Manager; David Fuller, President.
Canadian Poultry and Egg Processors Council: Robin Horel, President; Tony Tavares, Chairman.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of the current World Trade Organization negotiations on agriculture.

Tony Tavares and David Fuller made opening statements, and with the other witnesses, answered questions.

On motion of Louis Plamondon, it was agreed, — That the PMRA make available a progress report on its activities, prior to its appearance before the Standing Committee every six months .

- That the progress report highlight various indicators such as the number of new pesticides approved, the number of old pesticides re-evaluated, the number of minor use pesticides approved, the number of temporary and emergency registrations, and other information pertaining to Agency's operations, including cost recovery initiatives and staffing requirements; and

- That the report be reviewed in consultation with the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development.

Questioning of the witnesses resumed.

At 5:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2003/11/03 10:50 a.m.

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AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 53

Tuesday, November 4, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the current World Trade Organization negotiations on agriculture.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Agri-Food Trade Alliance:

Neil Jahnke, Vice-President;

Liam McCreery, Past President;

Patty Townsend, Executive Director.

Georgian Bay Milk Company Limited:

Chris Birch, President.

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Meeting No. 53

Wednesday, November 4, 2003

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gérard Binet, Rick Borotsik, Rick Casson, Claude Duplain, Howard Hilstrom, Gerry McCormick, Louis Plamondon, Dick Proctor, Bob Speller, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Guest Members present: Charlie Penson for Gerry Ritz.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Canadian Agri-Food Trade Alliance: Liam McCreery, Past President; Patty Townsend, Executive Director; Michael Jahnke, Vice-President. *Georgian Bay Milk Company Limited:* Chris Birch, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of the current World Trade Organization negotiations on agriculture.

At 3:36 p.m., Liam McCreery made an opening statement and with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:50 p.m., Chris Birch made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2003/11/05 2:18 p.m.

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on

AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 54

Thursday, November 6, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the current World Trade Organization negotiations on agriculture

WITNESSES:

Canadian Federation of Agriculture:

Robert Friesen, President;

Jennifer Higginson, Policy Analyst.

Canola Council of Canada:

Barbara Isman, President.



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Meeting No. 54

Thursday, November 6, 2003

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 4:15 p.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gérard Binet, Claude Duplain, Howard Hilstrom, Larry McCormick, Louis Plamondon, Dick Proctor, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Canadian Federation of Agriculture: Robert Friesen, President; Jennifer Higginson, Policy Analyst. *Canola Council of Canada:* Barbara Isman, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of the current World Trade Organization negotiations on agriculture.

Robert Friesen made a statement and, with Jennifer Higginson, answered questions.

Barbara Isman made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jeremy LeBlanc
Committee Clerk

2003/11/07 12:43 p.m.

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AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, February 12, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs



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ay, February 12, 2004

nding Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:02 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, for the
of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Rick Borotsik, Wayne Easter, Mark Eyking, David Kilgour, Larry
McCormick, John O'Reilly, Louis Plamondon, Dick Proctor, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Members present: Leon Benoit for Ken Epp, Nick Discepola for Georges Farrah and Carol Skelton for Howard
m.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

erk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

ion of Wayne Easter, it was agreed, — That Paul Steckle be elected Chair of the Committee.

erk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-chairs.

ion of Rick Borotsik, it was agreed, — That Gerry Ritz be elected as Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

ion of Nick Discepola, it was agreed, — That Rose-Marie Ur be elected as Government Vice-Chair of the
mtee.

erk invited Paul Steckle to take the Chair.

McCormick moved, — That the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs, the Parliamentary Secretary and a representative of the
vative Party of Canada, the Bloc Québécois and the New Democratic Party do compose the Subcommittee on
a and Procedure.

Kilgour moved, — That the motion be amended by striking out the following words after the word vice-chairs:
rliamentary Secretary“.

ebate, the question was put on the amendment of David Kilgour and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS:
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ebate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to on division.

tion of John O'Reilly, it was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive and publish
ce when a quorum is not present provided that the Chair and at least five (5) members are present, including one
mber of the opposition and provided that if no member of the opposition is present ten (10) minutes after the
ated start of the meeting, the meeting may proceed.

tion of Larry McCormick, it was agreed, — That the Committee retain the services of one or more analysts from
rary of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

McCormick moved, — That witnesses be given (10) minutes to make their opening statement; That during the

questioning of witnesses the time allocated to each questioner be as follows: On the first round of questioning, seven minutes to a representative of each party in the following order: Conservative Party of Canada, Bloc Québécois, Liberal Party of Canada and NDP. On the following rounds of questioning, five (5) minutes per party alternating between the government and opposition parties; and that the allocation of time for questioning be applied for all witnesses, including Ministers.

Rick Borotsik moved, — That the motion be amended by striking out the following words after the word “witnesses” “including Ministers”.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Rick Borotsik and it was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, after debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That one copy of the transcript of all in camera meetings be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee and can be destroyed at the end of each session of Parliament.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 111(4), whenever an Order in Council for appointment or a certificate of nomination for appointment is referred to the Committee, the Clerk shall obtain and circulate to each member of the Committee a copy of the curriculum vitae of each appointee/nominee.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute documents to the Members of the Committee only when they are available in both official languages.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses not exceeding two (2) representatives per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be at the discretion of the Chair.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Committee authorize the Chair, from time to time, as the need arises, to take, in conjunction with the Clerk of the Committee the appropriate measures to provide meals for the Committee and sub-committees, for working purposes, and that the cost of these meals be charged to the budget of the Committee.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That unless there is unanimous consent of the Members of the Committee, forty-eight (48) hours notice must be given to members of the Committee before any new item of business is considered by the Committee and, that the motion be filed with the Clerk of the Committee and circulated to all members in both official languages. Upon receipt of the notice, the clerk will put the motion on the agenda of the committee's next meeting.

Jerry Ritz moved, — That whenever the Main Estimates or the Supplementary Estimates are tabled in the House, the Committee invite the Minister and any relevant Senior Officials of a Department to appear at a televised meeting of the Committee.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

Jerry Ritz moved, — That whenever a Chapter of a Report of the Auditor General refers to a subject under the mandate of the Committee, the Committee invite the Office of the Auditor General of Canada and any relevant Senior Official of a Department to appear at a televised meeting of the Committee at the earliest.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

Honourable Wayne Easter gave notice of a motion to be moved at the next meeting to have the Committee study the matter.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Committee proceed to sit *in camera* to examine its future business.

5 p.m., the Committee sat *in camera* for the purpose of examining its future Business.

agreed, — That the Commissioner of the Competition Bureau be invited to appear before the Committee, on
g, February 16, 2004, on the issue of the BSE Crisis in Canada and the pricing of Beef at the Slaughter, Wholesale
rail levels.

agreed, — That the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food be invited to appear before the Committee on
day, February 18, 2004, to discuss about the current and future government programs and matters related to the
fecting the agricultural industry in Canada.

agreed, — That the Major Meat Packers be invited to appear before the Committee, on Monday, February 23,
in the issue of the BSE crisis in Canada and the pricing of Beef at the Slaughter, Wholesale and Retail levels.

9 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoke
Committee Clerk

C/17 2:23 p.m.

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AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 2

Monday, February 16, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the pricing of beef at the slaughter, wholesale, and retail levels in the context of the BSE crisis in Canada

WITNESSES:

Competition Bureau:

Suzanne Legault, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Legislative Affairs Division;

Sheridan Scott, Canada's Commissioner of Competition;

Richard Taylor, Assistant Deputy Commissioner of Competition, Criminal Matters Branch.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Monday, February 16, 2004

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 536 Wellington Building, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Wayne Easter, David Kilgour, Larry McCormick, Louis Plamondon, Dick Proctor, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Garry Breitkreuz for Rick Borotsik, Rick Casson for Howard Hilstrom and Deepak Obhrai for Ken Epp.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Competition Bureau: Sheridan Scott, Canada's Commissioner of Competition; Suzanne Legault, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Legislative Affairs Division; Richard Taylor, Assistant Deputy Commissioner of Competition, Criminal Matters Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, February 12, 2004, the Committee commenced its study of the pricing of Beef at the Slaughter, Wholesale, and Retail Levels in the context of the BSE crisis in Canada.

Sheridan Scott made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

On motion of David Kilgour, it was agreed, — That this Committee requests the Minister of Industry to instruct the Competition Bureau to conduct an inquiry under Section 45 of the Competition Act on the pricing of Beef at the Slaughter, Wholesale and Retail Levels, in the context of the BSE crisis in Canada.

At 5:17 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:20 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting *in camera* to consider its future Business.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoke
Committee Clerk

2004/02/19 11:43 a.m.

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Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 3

Wednesday, February 18, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Briefing Session on the severe cashflow problems experienced by Canadian farmers and Business risk management programs in agriculture

APPEARING:

Hon. Bob Speller, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

WITNESS:

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Richard Fadden, President.



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Meeting No. 3

Wednesday, February 18, 2004

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met in a televised session at 1:03 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Wayne Easter, Mark Eyking, Georges Farrah, Howard Hilstrom, David Kilgour, Larry McCormick, Louis Plamondon, Dick Proctor, Gerry Ritz and Paul Steckle.

Acting Members present: Garry Breitkreuz for Rick Borotsik, Christian Jobin for Gilbert Barrette, Pauline Picard for Marcel Gagnon and Carol Skelton for Ken Epp.

Associate Members present: Rick Casson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Appearing: Hon. Bob Speller, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

Witnesses: Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Richard Fadden, President. *Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:* Samy Watson, Deputy Minister.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its Briefing Session on the severe cashflow problems experienced by Canadian farmers and Business risk management programs in agriculture

The Honourable Bob Speller made an opening statement and, with Richard Fadden, answered questions.

At 2:08 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka
Committee Clerk

2004/02/18 4:19 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 3rd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 4

Monday, February 23, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the pricing of beef at the slaughter, wholesale, and retail levels in the context of the BSE crisis in Canada

WITNESSES:

Alliance for Fair Trade in Beef:

Wayne Holland, Co-Chair;

Scott Zies, Co-Chair.

Better Beef Limited:

Bennie Dejonge, President;

Lorne Goldstein, Secretary Treasurer.

Canadian Meat Council:

Jim Laws, Executive Director.

Levinoff Meats Limited:

Brian Read, General Manager.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

g No. 4

, February 23, 2004

nding Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met in a televised session at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Rick Borotsik, Wayne Easter, Mark Eyking, Georges Farrah, Hilstrom, David Kilgour, Larry McCormick, Louis Plamondon, Gerry Ritz and Paul Steckle.

Members present: Garry Breitkreuz for Ken Epp, Brenda Chamberlain for John O'Reilly, Dan McTeague for Marie Ur and Pauline Picard for Marcel Gagnon.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Dan Shaw, Analyst.

Witnesses: *Better Beef Limited:* Bennie Dejonge, President; Lorne Goldstein, Secretary Treasurer. *Alliance for Fair Trade:* Wayne Holland, Co-Chair. *Canadian Meat Council:* Jim Laws, Executive Director. *Levinoff Meats Limited:* Read, General Manager. *Alliance for Fair Trade in Beef:* Scott Zies, Co-Chair.

nt to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, February 12, 2004, the ittee resumed its study of the pricing of beef at the slaughter, wholesale, and retail levels, in the context of the BSE in Canada.

0 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

5 p.m., the sitting resumed.

0 p.m., Scott Zies and Wayne Holland made opening statements and answered questions.

ws made a statement and, with the other witnesses and Scott Zies, answered questions.

RED, — That the article from the *Montreal Gazette* entitled *Subway wonders: where's beef? mad-cow restrictions curpily into steak supply*, presented to the Committee by David Kilgour, M.P., be filed as an exhibit with the Clerk of the Committee (*See Exhibit "AGRI-A"*).

RED, — That a document indicating boxed beef prices presented to the Committee by David Kilgour, M.P., be s an exhibit with the Clerk of the Committee (*See Exhibit "AGRI-B"*).

5 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

02/25 11:46 a.m.

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Standing Committee
on

AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 5

Wednesday, February 25, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study of matters related to Committee business

Study of sanitary measures in the chicken industry

WITNESSES:

Canadian Broiler Hatching Egg Marketing Agency:

Ed De Jong, President;

Errol Halkai, Executive Director.

Canadian Poultry and Egg Processors Council:

Robin Horel, President.

Chicken Farmers of Canada:

Mike Dungate, General Manager;

David Fuller, Chairman.



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Meeting No. 5

Wednesday, February 25, 2004

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Rick Borotsik, Wayne Easter, Mark Eyking, Howard Hilstrom, David Kilgour, Larry McCormick, John O'Reilly, Louis Plamondon, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Murray Calder for Georges Farrah.

In attendance: House of Commons: Steve Chaplin, Legal Counsel. *Library of Parliament:* Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Canadian Broiler Hatching Egg Marketing Agency: Ed De Jong, President. *Chicken Farmers of Canada:* Mike Dungate, General Manager; David Fuller, Chairman. *Canadian Broiler Hatching Egg Marketing Agency:* Errol Halkai, Executive Director. *Canadian Poultry and Egg Processors Council:* Robin Horel, President.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed on division, — That Lakeside Packers Ltd. (a division of Tyson Foods) of Brooks Alberta, Cargill Foods of High River, Alberta, and XL Beef of Calgary, Alberta and Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan having been invited to appear before the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food on Monday, February 23, 2004 and having failed to appear, this Committee send for these companies, persons, their relevant papers and records by summons and that the summons be for the first available hearing date to be determined by this Committee .

It was agreed, — That the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food be invited to appear before the Committee to discuss the BSE situation in Canada, the new Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization (CAIS) Program and the Main Estimates 2004-2005.

It was agreed, — That the Canadian Food Inspection Agency appear before the Committee to discuss several issues relevant to the Agency.

It was agreed, — That the Canadian Wheat Board appear before the Committee to discuss the pricing of wheat.

It was agreed, — That the Department of Fisheries and Oceans appear before the Committee to discuss fencing along waterways.

At 4:20 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:28 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

The Committee commenced its study of sanitary measures in the chicken industry.

David Fuller, Robin Horel and Ed De Jong made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2004/03/01 11:17 a.m.

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AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 6

Monday, March 8, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the Supplementary Estimates (B) 2003-2004: Votes 1b, 5b, 10b, 30b and 35b under Agriculture and Agri-Food

WITNESSES:

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:

Bruce Deacon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management Branch;
Mary Komarynsky, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial Programs Branch;
Gilles Lavoie, Senior Director General, Operations, Market and Industry Services Branch;
Andrew Marsland, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch;
Tom Richardson, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Debra Bryanton, Executive Director, Food Safety;
George Luterbach, Chief Veterinarian, Animal Health and Production - Western Area;
Krista Mountjoy, Executive Director, Operations Coordination;
Greg Stubbings, Director, Plant Health and Production Division, Plant Products Directorate;
Gordon White, Vice-President, Corporate Services.



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

Monday, March 8, 2004

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Rick Borotsik, Wayne Easter, Howard Hilstrom, David Kilgour, John O'Reilly, Dick Proctor, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Brenda Chamberlain for Larry McCormick and Pauline Picard for Louis Plamondon.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada: Bruce Deacon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management Branch; Andrew Marsland, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch; Tom Richardson, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch; Mary Komarynsky, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial Programs Branch; Gilles Lavoie, Senior Director General. *Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Gordon R. White, Executive Director, Financial Services; Krista L. Mountjoy, Executive Director, Operations Coordination; Debra Bryanton, Executive Director, Food Safety; George Luterbach, Chief Veterinarian, Animal Health and Production - Western Area; Greg Stubbings, Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (B) 2003-2004: Votes 1b, 5b, 10b, 30b and 35b under Agriculture and Agri-Food referred to the Committee on Thursday, February 19, 2004.

At 3:34 p.m., Bruce Deacon made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:40 p.m., Gordon R. White made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

The Chair called Votes 1b, 5b, 10b, 30b and 35b under Agriculture and Agri-Food.

Votes 1b, 5b, 10b, 30b and 35b under Agriculture and Agri-Food carried on division.

ORDERED on division, — That the Chair report the Supplementary Estimates (B) 2003-2004 to the House.

At 5:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2004/03/10 2:50 p.m.

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AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 7

Wednesday, March 10, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the pricing of beef at the slaughter, wholesale and retail levels, in the context of the BSE crisis in Canada

WITNESSES:

Cargill Foods:

Willie Van Solkema, Canadian Business Manager.

Lakeside Packers:

Garnett Altwasser, Chief Executive Officer.

XL Beef:

Brian Nilsson, Co-President.



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Meeting No. 7

Wednesday, March 10, 2004

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met in a televised session at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Rick Borotsik, Wayne Easter, Mark Eyking, David Kilgour, Larry McCormick, John O'Reilly, Louis Plamondon, Dick Proctor, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Murray Calder for Georges Farrah and Rick Casson for Ken Epp.

Associate Members present: Monte Solberg and Kevin Sorenson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Dan Shaw, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Miriam Burke, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: Lakeside Packers: Garnett Altwasser, Chief Executive Officer. *XL Beef:* Brian Nilsson, Co-President. *Cargill Foods:* Willie Van Solkema.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, February 12, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of the pricing of beef at the slaughter, wholesale and retail levels, in the context of the BSE crisis in Canada.

Willie Van Solkema, Brian Nilsson and Garnett Altwasser made statements and answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2004/03/11 2:42 p.m.

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Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 8

Thursday, March 11, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study of surface water and exclusionary fencing for livestock

Study of the Canadian Wheat Board pricing policy

WITNESSES:

Canadian Wheat Board:

Larry Hill, Director, Board of Directors;

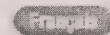
Adrian Measner, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Department of Environment Canada:

Paula Caldwell St-Onge, Director General, National Programs Directorate, Environmental Protection Service.

Department of Fisheries and Oceans:

Brian Bohunicky, Director, Habitat Policy and Regulatory Affairs.



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Meeting No. 8

Thursday, March 11, 2004

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:36 a.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Rick Borotsik, Mark Eyking, David Kilgour, John O'Reilly, Dick Proctor, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Leon Benoit for Ken Epp.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Department of Fisheries and Oceans: Brian Bohunicky, Director, Habitat Policy and Regulatory Affairs. *Department of Environment Canada:* Paula Caldwell St-Onge, Director General, National Programs Directorate, Environmental Protection Service. *Canadian Wheat Board:* Adrian Measner, President and Chief Executive Officer; Larry Hill, Director, Board of Directors; Deanna Allen, Vice-President, Communications.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of surface water and exclusionary fencing for livestock.

At 9:36 a.m., Brian Bohunicky and Paula Caldwell-St-Onge made statements and answered questions.

At 10:36 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:40 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the Canadian Wheat Board pricing policy.

Adrian Measner and Larry Hill made statements and answered questions.

At 11:32 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2004/03/12 12:28 p.m.

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AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 9

Monday, March 22, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study of the pricing of beef at the slaughter, wholesale and retail levels, in the context of the BSE crisis in Canada.

WITNESSES:

Canada Beef Export Federation:

Ben Thorlakson, Chairman.

Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors:

Paul Fortin, Vice-President, Fresh Foods Merchandise & Procurement, The Great Atlantic
& Pacific Company of Canada Limited;

Nick Jennery, President;

Kim McKinnon, Vice-President, Communications.

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g No. 9

ly, March 22, 2004

Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:39 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Rick Borotsik, Wayne Easter, Ken Epp, Mark Eyking, Howard Sigmund, David Kilgour, Larry McCormick, John O'Reilly, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Members present: Claude Duplain for Georges Farrah and Suzanne Tremblay for Louis Plamondon.

Attendance: *Library of Parliament:* Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Dan Shaw, Analyst.

Guests: *Canada Beef Export Federation:* Ben Thorlakson, Chairman. *Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors:* Nick Jennery, President ; Kim McKinnon, Vice-President, Communications; Paul Fortin, Vice-President, Fresh Foods and Produce & Procurement, The Great Atlantic & Pacific Company of Canada Limited.

Committee resumed its study of the pricing of beef at the slaughter, wholesale and retail levels, in the context of the beef crisis in Canada.

David Kilgour moved, — That Lakeside Packers Ltd., Alberta, Cargill Foods of High River, Alberta and XL Beef of High River, Alberta, and Saskatchewan be ordered to provide to the Clerk of the Committee no later than (DATE):(a) a copy of the financial statements detailing the added marginal costs attributable to the new BSE safety regulations along with their profit margins before and after 20 May 2003; and (b) documents explaining why the prices they paid for feed and heifers declined by approximately 50% in the three weeks following announcement of the federal-provincial Beef Recovery Program on 18 June 2003.

There was no discussion thereon.

The Committee agreed, — That the debate on the motion be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

Ben Thorlakson, Nick Jennery, Kim McKinnon and Paul Fortin made statements and answered questions.

At 3 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2003/23 2:33 p.m.

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AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 10

Thursday, March 25, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study of the pricing of beef at the slaughter, wholesale and retail levels, in the context of the BSE crisis in Canada..

WITNESSES:

Farm Credit Canada:

Lyndon Carlson, Vice-President, Marketing and Portfolio Management;

Rick Hoffman, Vice-President and Controller;

John Ryan, President and Chief Executive Officer.

George Morris Centre:

Kevin Grier, Senior Market Analyst.

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g No. 10

ay, March 25, 2004

anding Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 536 Wellington Building,
air, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Wayne Easter, Ken Epp, Mark Eyking, Howard Hilstrom, Larry
rmick, Louis Plamondon, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Dan Shaw, Analyst.

Witnesses: George Morris Centre: Kevin Grier, Senior Market Analyst. *Farm Credit Canada:* John J. Ryan, President
Chief Executive Officer; Rick Hoffman, Vice President and Controller; Lyndon Carlson, Vice President,
ting and Portfolio Management.

nt to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, February 12, 2004, the
ittee resumed its study of the pricing of beef at the slaughter, wholesale and retail levels, in the context of the
crisis in Canada.

10 a.m., Kevin Grier made a statement and answered questions.

05 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

08 p.m., the sitting resumed.

nt to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its briefing session on the Farm Credit Corporate Plan.

Ryan made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

7 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

03/31 8:54 a.m.

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AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 11

Monday, March 29, 2004

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 11

, March 29, 2004

standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, Mr. Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Wayne Easter, Ken Epp, Mark Eyking, David Kilgour, Larry Nick, Louis Plamondon, Dick Proctor, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Dan Shaw, Analyst; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Agreed, — That Lakeside Packers Ltd., Alberta, Cargill Foods of High River, Alberta and XL Beef of Calgary, Alberta and Saskatchewan, Better Beef Limited, Ontario and Levinoff Meats Limited, Quebec, be ordered to provide to the Committee, prior to April 21, 2004, for an *in camera* review by the Standing Committee, the following documents: (a) a copy of the financial statements detailing the added marginal costs attributable to the new BSE safety measures along with their profit margins on a monthly basis for calendar year 2003; and (b) documents explaining why the prices they paid for fed steers and heifers declined by approximately 50% in the three weeks following the implementation of the federal-provincial BSE Recovery Program on 18 June 2003.

Agreed, - That the Chair send a letter to the Chair of the Standing Committee of Procedure and House Affairs on the subject of prior review of appointments.

At the meeting, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of a draft report on the pricing of beef at the retail, wholesale and retail levels, in the context of the BSE crisis in Canada.

At 3:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

30/03/2004 10:59 a.m.

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AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, March 30, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Briefing session on the avian flu

Briefing session on chronic wasting disease

WITNESSES:

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Jim Clark, Network Chief, Animal Health and Production, Programs Branch;

André Gravel, Executive Vice-President.

Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters:

Greg Farrant, Manager, Government Relations and Communications, Ontario Conservation Centre.



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Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, March 30, 2004

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Wayne Easter, Ken Epp, Mark Eyking, Louis Plamondon, Dick Proctor, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Claude Duplain for John O'Reilly and Randy White for Rick Borotsik.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, Analyst; Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Andrea Grant, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Food Inspection Agency: André Gravel, Executive Vice-President; Jim Clark, Network Chief, Animal Health and Production, Programs Branch; Doug Steadman, Associate Executive Director, Operations Branch. *Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters:* Greg Farrant, Manager, Government Relations and Communications, Ontario Conservation Centre.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its briefing session on the avian flu.

At 3:30 p.m., André Gravel made an opening statement and with Jim Clark, answered questions.

At 4:35 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:45 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its briefing session on Chronic Wasting Disease.

Greg Farrant made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2004/04/01 8:35 a.m.

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Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 13

Wednesday, March 31, 2004

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 13

lay, March 31, 2004

ding Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 4:51 p.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block,
t, Paul Steckle, presiding.

s of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Mark Eyking, David Kilgour, Larry McCormick, John O'Reilly,
amondon, Dick Proctor, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

ance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Dan Shaw, Analyst.

to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of a draft report on the pricing of beef at the
t, wholesale and retail levels, in the context of the BSE crisis in Canada.

reed, — That the draft report , as amended, be adopted.

reed, — That the report be entitled: Canadian Livestock and Beef Pricing in the Aftermath of the BSE Crisis.

reed, — That the Chair, Clerk and researchers be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as
necessary without changing the substance of the report.

reed, — That the Chair present the report, as amended, to the House as the 2nd Report of the Committee.

reed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a
ensive response to the report.

p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

'01 8:55 a.m.

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Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 14

Monday, April 19, 2004

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 14

April 19, 2004

ding Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 3:41 p.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Ken Epp, David Kilgour, John O'Reilly, Louis Plamondon, Dick Gerry Ritz and Paul Steckle.

Members present: Claude Duplain for Georges Farrah.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Agreed, — That the Pest Management Review Agency be invited to appear before the Committee on April 28, and that the Committee hold an *in camera* briefing session prior to the meeting with the PMRA.

Agreed, — That the Clerk make the necessary arrangements for the Committee to travel to the Fraser Valley, B.C. regarding the avian flu crisis.

Agreed, — That the grain producers be invited to appear before the Committee to discuss world trade negotiations and their impact on wheat production and prices, and that the Members of the Committee be briefed *in camera* by trade officials prior to the aforementioned meeting.

At 4:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2004/04/21 11:35 a.m.

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AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 15

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 15

Monday, April 21, 2004

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, Ottawa, Ontario. Mr. Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rick Borotsik, Wayne Easter, Ken Epp, Georges Farrah, David Kilgour, Louis LeBel, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Members present: Claude Duplain for Mark Eyking and Andrew Telegdi for Gilbert Barrette.

Dance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal. *House of Commons:* Steve Chaplin, Legal Counsel, Legal Services.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Agreed on division, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$15,893.00 for the Committee's travel to Vancouver and Abbotsford, B.C. from May 2 to May 4, 2004 be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

Agreed on division, — That a letter be sent to Cargill Foods, Lakeside Packers Ltd., Levinoff Meat Products Ltd. and West Beef Limited, stating that this Committee is aware that certain information provided by the aforementioned companies may contain sensitive business information, therefore the Clerk of the Committee is directed to not provide such information to the media. The Clerk is directed to provide the information to the Clerk of the Law Clerk and such individual(s) that may be engaged by the Library of Parliament for the purpose of preparing a report to this Committee, such report to be prepared in such a fashion as to protect specific sensitive business information that may disclose the identity of any person or corporation providing such information.

Agreed on division, — That these companies produce the previously requested documents no later than April 30, 2004.

Agreed on division, — That the Chair of the Committee retain the services of the required number of relevant staff from the Library of Parliament, in order to review and report to the Committee or newly reconstituted Committee, on the findings as a result of the required documents being supplied to the Committee by April 30, 2004.

Agreed on division, — That the documents provided to the Clerk in accordance with the motions dated March 29 and April 21, 2004 be retained by the Clerk's office for such time as they may be required by the Committee or its Chair, and thereafter be destroyed. In the event that the report required by the motion of April 21, 2004 is not made to the Committee during this Parliament, the documents are to be retained by the Clerk to be dealt with in such manner as directed by the successor Committee established by the 38th Parliament. If the Clerk receives no such direction within 60 days of the establishment of the successor Committee, the documents provided to the Clerk in accordance with the motions dated March 29 and April 21, 2004 shall be destroyed.

Agreed on division, — That if these companies fail to produce the said documents, the matter will be reported to the Chair.

At 5:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2004/04/22 4:19 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 16

Thursday, April 22, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2004-2005: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, and 40 under Agriculture and Agri-Food and various agricultural programs referred to the Committee on February 24, 2004.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Gilbert Barrette,
Rick Borotsik,
Wayne Easter,
Mark Eyking,
Georges Farrah,
David Kilgour,
John O'Reilly,
Louis Plamondon,
Dick Proctor,
Gerry Ritz,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Sébastien Gagnon for Marcel Gagnon.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

APPEARING:

Hon. Bob Speller, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

WITNESSES:

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:

Bruce Deacon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management Branch.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Richard B. Fadden, President.

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:

Danny Foster, Senior Advisor, Program Planning and Performance Directorate, Farm Financial Programs Branch;

Mary Komarynsky, Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial Programs Branch;

Tom Richardson, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch;

Michelle Taylor, Managing Director, Executive Division, Farm Income Programs Directorate;

Samy Watson, Deputy Minister.

Mary Komarynski made a statement and, with Tom Richardson and Danny Foster, answered questions.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 16

Thursday, April 22, 2004

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met in a televised session at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Rick Borotsik, Wayne Easter, Mark Eyking, Georges Farrah, David Kilgour, John O'Reilly, Louis Plamondon, Dick Proctor, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Sébastien Gagnon for Marcel Gagnon.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Appearing: Hon. Bob Speller, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

Witnesses: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada: Bruce Deacon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management Branch. *Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Richard B. Fadden, President. *Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:* Danny Foster, Senior Advisor, Program Planning and Performance Directorate, Farm Financial Programs Branch; Mary Komarynsky, Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial Programs Branch; Tom Richardson, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch; Michelle Taylor, Managing Director, Executive Division, Farm Income Programs Directorate; Samy Watson, Deputy Minister.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2004-2005: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, and 40 under Agriculture and Agri-Food and various agricultural programs referred to the Committee on February 24, 2004.

At 9:05 a.m., the Minister made an opening statement and with Richard B. Fadden, answered questions.

ORDERED, — That the documents by C.A. Gracey concerning cow and bull marketings and beef imports, presented to the Committee by David Kilgour, M.P., be filed as an exhibit with the Clerk of the Committee (*See Exhibit "AGRI-C"*).

At 10:03 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:10 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Mary Komarynski made a statement and, with Tom Richardson and Danny Foster, answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2004/04/26 11:54 a.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle.

Meeting No. 17

Wednesday, April 28, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced a review of the activities of the Pest Management Regulatory Agency during the past six months.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Gilbert Barrette,
Rick Borotsik,
Wayne Easter,
Ken Epp,
Mark Eyking,
Georges Farrah,
Dick Proctor,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Claude Duplain for David Kilgour.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Pest Management Regulatory Agency:
Imme Gerke, Minor Use Advisor;
Wendy Sexsmith, Acting Executive Director.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

g No. 17

uesday, April 28, 2004

standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Rick Borotsik, Wayne Easter, Ken Epp, Mark Eyking, Georges Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Members present: Claude Duplain for David Kilgour.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Guests: Pest Management Regulatory Agency: Imme Gerke, Minor Use Advisor; Wendy Sexsmith, Acting Executive Director.

The Chair stated that due to a number of circumstances the Committee is unable to travel to the Fraser Valley in B.C. at the moment and that the Chair will not present the travel budget to the Budget Sub-committee of the Liaison Committee as requested by the Committee on April 21, 2004.

At the meeting pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced a review of the activities of the Pest Management Regulatory Agency during the past six months.

Wendy Sexsmith and Imme Gerke made statements and answered questions.

At 4:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

17/05/03 12:14 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 18

Monday, May 3, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the potential effect of world trade negotiations and the Cartagena Protocol on grain trade.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Gilbert Barrette,
Wayne Easter,
Ken Epp,
David Kilgour,
Louis Plamondon,
Dick Proctor,
Gerry Ritz,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:
Blair Coomber, Director General, International Trade Policy
Directorate;

Pam Cooper, World Trade Organization Agriculture Negotiations
Coordinator;
Tim Pettipas, Director, Multilateral Trade Policy Division;
Danny Foster, Senior Advisor, Program Planning and Performance
Directorate, Farm Financial Programs Branch.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Paul Haddow, Executive Director, International Affairs.

Department of the Environment :

Cynthia Wright, Director General, Strategic Priorities,
Environmental Protection Service.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

ing No. 18

ay, May 3, 2004

standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the
l, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Wayne Easter, Ken Epp, David Kilgour, Louis Plamondon, Dick
or, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Guests: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada: Blair Coomber, Director General, International Trade Policy
Directorate; Pam Cooper, World Trade Organization Agriculture Negotiations Coordinator; Tim Pettipas, Director,
Bilateral Trade Policy Division; Danny Foster, Senior Advisor, Program Planning and Performance Directorate,
Financial Programs Branch. *Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Paul Haddow, Executive Director, International
Affairs. *Department of the Environment :* Cynthia Wright, Director General, Strategic Priorities, Environmental
Protection Service.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the potential effect of world trade
negotiations and the Cartagena Protocol on the grain trade.

Pam Cooper, Cynthia Wright and Tim Pettipas made statements and with Pam Cooper and Danny Foster answered
questions.

At 4:14 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

4/05/04 2:52 p.m.

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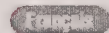
AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

IN CAMERA



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

g No. 19

y, May 4, 2004

nding Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 3:46 p.m. this day, in Room 705 La Promenade g, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

s of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Rick Borotsik, Wayne Easter, Ken Epp, Georges Farrah, David r, Louis Plamondon, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

adance: *Library of Parliament*: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal. *House of Commons*: Steve Chaplin, Legal l, Legal Services.

ses: *Consulting and Audit Canada*: Margo Allore, Chief Auditor; Janak Shah, Director; Fred Jaakson.

mmittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

agreed, — That the draft report on Canadian beef packers financial information be adopted.

agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and researchers be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as necessary without changing the substance of the report.

agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House as the 3rd Report of the Committee.

p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

5/06 9:48 a.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 20

Wednesday, May 5, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the potential effect of world trade negotiations and the Cartagena Protocol on grain trade

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Gilbert Barrette
Ken Epp
Hon. Mark Eyking
Hon. Georges Farrah
Louis Plamondon
Dick Proctor
Paul Steckle
Rose-Marie Ur

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras for Marcel Gagnon

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

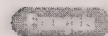
Grain Growers of Canada:
Cam Dahl, Executive Director.

"Fédération des producteurs de cultures commerciales du Québec":
Denis Couture, President;
Benoit Legault, General Manager.

Greenpeace Canada:
Éric Darier, Genetic Engineering Campaigner.

Cam Dahl, Denis Couture and Éric Darier made opening statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 20

Wednesday, May 5, 2004

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Ken Epp, Hon. Mark Eyking, Hon. Georges Farrah, Louis Plamondon, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Bernard Bigras for Marcel Gagnon.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

Witnesses: Grain Growers of Canada: Cam Dahl, Executive Director. "*Fédération des producteurs de cultures commerciales du Québec*": Denis Couture, President; Benoit Legault, General Manager. *Greenpeace Canada:* Éric Darier, Genetic Engineering Campaigner.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the potential effect of world trade negotiations and the Cartagena Protocol on grain trade.

Cam Dahl, Denis Couture and Éric Darier made opening statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2004/05/10 7:54 a.m.

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AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 21

Monday, May 10, 2004

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

g No. 21

y, May 10, 2004

standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, air, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Hon. Wayne Easter, Ken Epp, Hon. David Kilgour, Larry mick, Louis Plamondon, Dick Proctor, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Attendance: House of Commons: Steve Chaplin, Legal Counsel, Legal Services. *Library of Parliament:* Jean-Denis te, Principal.

Committee resumed consideration of matters related to Committee business.

agreed, — That the clerk of the Committee, in consultation with the legislative counsel and the independent , send to Cargill Foods and Lakeside Packers Limited, clarification of the type of information the Committee had d, and that this information be produced no later than Wednesday, May 12, 2004, at 3:00 p.m. (EDT).

7 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

5/12 9:40 a.m.

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Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 22

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

g No. 22

uesday, May 12, 2004

standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gilbert Barrette, Wayne Easter, Ken Epp, Mark Eyking, Georges Farrah, David, Larry McCormick, John O'Reilly, Louis Plamondon, Dick Proctor, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

nt to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of a draft report on the pricing of beef at the er, wholesale and retail levels, in the context of the BSE crisis in Canada.

greed, — That the draft report be adopted.

greed, — That the Chair, Clerk and researchers be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as necessary without changing the substance of the report.

greed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

5/13 3:58 p.m.

